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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for your time today.

The concept for this bill was brought to my attention by a constituent with a daughter who is active duty Coast Guard. Her residency was retained in Kansas yet she was deployed to the East Coast. This made her quest to get her Kansas Concealed Carry Permit a long and arduous process taking more than 2 years.

House Bill 2591 is an important bill that essentially streamlines the Kansas Concealed Carry process for Active Duty Military Personnel by:

- giving opportunity to use a course with equal or greater than Kansas requirements as determined by our attorney General,
- allows Federal level finger-printing for Active Duty Military (Secret/Top Secret+) to suffice,
- allowing submission by mail of an application (with proof of active duty stationed at a United States Military installation outside Kansas) to the Sheriff of the Kansas County to which the applicant resides, and that Sheriff can forward the package to the Kansas Attorney General for approval.
- Already the applicant must be a resident of the State, must be 21 years old, and have had a course that is at least equivalent to the 8 hour Concealed Carry course (including storage & actual firing).

I am a veteran. I was SSGT US Army 2nd BN 1st Special Forces Group ODA1216 stationed in Ft. Lewis/McCord WA., and fully separated just 4 years ago. I always kept my residency in Kansas while in the military with the intention to return home when I got out.

In my military experience, both my weapons training and my security clearance were of the utmost importance. Both far exceed the training and security requirements here in Kansas and should be sufficient for current active duty to obtain the Kansas Conceal & Carry permit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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