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RE: Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Senate Bill No. 65

Dear Chairman Ostmeyer and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Patricia Stoneking and I represent thousands of KSRA members and Kansas gun owners. Thank you for the opportunity to share our position with you. We are a proponent of Senate Bill No. 65.

This bill simply specifies that public employees be afforded the right to carry while engaging in the business of their employer when driving or riding in an employer or employee owned vehicle or while away from the office performing the duties of their job.

It seems illogical to say that a public employee may only carry when in the building they work in yet restrict their right while out in the public domain. These same public employees likely carry concealed in the public domain when not engaging in their employment. I have been unable to think of one single reason that any public employer should put such a restriction on their employees. It simply doesn't make sense and could place employees at risk.

From the beginning of the enactment of the Public Building Security Act amendment in 2013 public employers have been absolved of any liability when allowing employees to carry. Employees who carry should be trusted by our government unless and until given a reason not to. Adequate security certainly cannot be provided by any means when these employees are traveling outside of the office and should be allowed to take responsibility for their own safety.

The law is clear that only buildings may be restricted and that private conveyance in an automobile cannot be prohibited. We ask that this amendment to the law be passed to make clear that these public employees have the right to carry concealed and that public employers may not restrict that right through personnel policies.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for your time in considering our position and we respectfully urge that you vote in support of SB 65.

Respectfully Submitted,

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