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Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Katy Tyndell. I'm a resident of Wichita, and a volunteer with the Kansas Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I'm writing to urge your opposition to HB 2042, a bill that would further weaken Kansas' guns laws by requiring out-of-state concealed carry permits – including from states that allow teenagers to carry hidden, loaded handguns in public – to be recognized in Kansas.

Because of a law enacted in 2015, Kansas allows people over 21 years old – even some dangerous individuals, and people who have never completed firearms safety training – to carry hidden, loaded handguns in public. However, if enacted, HB 2042 would require that Kansas recognizes concealed carry permits from every other state, including from states that issue concealed carry permits to teenagers.

There are currently 13 states that issue concealed carry permits to individuals under the age of 21, including neighboring Missouri. 18 to 20-year-olds are nearly four times more likely to commit gun homicides than adults over the age of 20. This committee should be focusing on improving Kansas' gun laws – such as by passing proposals to help keep guns off college campuses – not working to roll back our laws and endanger the public even further.

I urge you to side with the safety of Kansans and not the gun lobby by opposing HB 2042.

Sincerely,

Katy Tyndell