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Dear members of the House,

My name is Mark Ronning, and I am a senior at K-State studying electrical engineering and music. I am writing against the support of House Bill 2220, which prohibits college campuses from restricting campus carry in any way. As a student attending public school in Kansas, this bill is very relevant to my professors, my friends, my education, and my personal well-being. I do not support this policy within Kansas public universities. I believe this policy of conceal and carry is unsafe and creates a subconscious mentality conducive to violence and aggression, even at times when no actual violence is occurring. I support the second amendment, but the complete inability for faculty and administration to regulate campus carry is unsettling.

Dr. Ruth Miller is my professor, research adviser, and academic adviser at Kansas State, and she is leaving as a result of the 2017 conceal and carry policy. She is a community leader in renewable energy in the Flint Hills Renewable Energy and Efficiency Cooperative. Additionally, she is one of engineering's best professors at K-State, teaching electromagnetic engineering and K-State's Wind and Solar course. If House Bill 2220 is passed, I am afraid that Kansas is not able to provide the professional, academic environment that top-rate professors seek, and we may lose other teachers who, like Dr. Miller, feel unsafe in such an environment.

Thank you for reading my letter, and thank you for serving the public by holding elected office. Kansas citizens rely so heavily on you to shape and lead our state. I urge you to listen to the citizens who are pleading for you to vote against House Bill 2220, and keep these environments safe.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Ronning". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" at the end.

Mark Ronning