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In Opposition  
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Dear Chairman Bud Estes and the members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Concealed Carry bill, HB2042.

There are so many reasons why this would be a very bad idea. I have two boys who, at the age of 18, were not in the proper state of mind to be carrying guns. Their brains had not developed fully and it would have been irresponsible to assume they could handle this. I had one who suffered from depression, luckily, suicide was not the outcome. Fire arms would have increased the risk of an unpleasant outcome.

My other son was on a college campus. I know there was a lot of drinking during those years. Having fire arms are a dangerous substitute for solving problems.

In general, I would like to see fewer guns on the streets and more restrictions on who owns them. In an article I read recently, Japan has one of the lowest rates of gun crimes in the world. In 2014 there were just 6 gun deaths compared to 33,599 in the US. People can purchase guns but they do have to go through a series of tests. Why would we not want this for ourselves?

I ask that you oppose HB2042. Lowering the age of concealed carry to 18 is too great a risk for our young people, our families, and our communities.

Thank you for your consideration,

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