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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Kansas State Rifle Association, thank you for the opportunity to testify in conditional support of H.B. 2145. This legislation would amend the definition of “criminal use of weapons by certain individuals.

The Kansas State Rifle Association does have concern with one provision of the bill concerning persons subject to court orders restraining them from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner, child, or child of an intimate partner. The bill would specify the following requirements for the issuance of court orders, after which the individual named in the order would be guilty of criminal use of weapons. The bill would require such court order to 1. Have been issued after a noticed hearing where the individual had an opportunity to participate; and 2. Include findings that such person is a credible threat to the safety of an intimate partner or child. While we support this requirement, we do request language that would remove the prohibition once an order was lifted and ceased to be in effect.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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