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Chairwoman McGinn and Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee,

I apologize for not having written testimony prepared and submitted prior to today's hearing on SB 235. The hearing appears to have been published last minute, without notice, on the Kansas Legislative Website.

The Kansas State Rifle Association stands strongly opposed to SB 235 and any other attempt to roll back the compromise legislation passed in previous sessions. The compromise reached then allowed Kansas universities, including KU Med, a four-year exemption to study and prepare the course of action best suited to their needs and the safety of their staff, students and visitors. They were given the choice of implementing security measures to protect individuals onsite or allowing citizens the ability to protect themselves by means of concealed firearms. During this four-year interim period, KU Med chose neither. This is not a position granted to them by the compromise legislation and it is not a position that supports the safety and security of those visiting KU Med.

After four years allotted for preparation and implementation, the Kansas State Rifle Association believes that KU Med, and our universities, have had ample time to show their staff, students and visitors that their safety, either through additional security or self-protection, is a valued, primary concern.

Sincerely,

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