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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 23, 2017

To: Senate Ways & Means Committee

FROM: Travis Couture-Lovelady, NRA State Liaison

RE: SB 235

Chairwoman McGinn, members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to address you this morning on an issue important to NRA members and gun owners throughout Kansas. I am writing today on behalf of the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action to express our opposition to SB 235.

The National Rifle Association strongly supported the 2013 public buildings law and agreed to the compromise that allowed for a four year exemption for those that asked for additional time to prepare. On July 1, 2017 that time period ends and the law goes into effect.

The underlying reasoning behind the change is simple. If it cannot be guaranteed with a reasonable amount of certainty by placing metal detectors, armed guards, etc. at the entrance points that there are no firearms inside a building, then that building must allow concealed carry. If the building cannot disarm those seeking to do harm then they cannot disarm the law-abiding citizen.

Allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves on the KU Med Center campus is part of a larger movement in the country to allow Americans greater freedom to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

On behalf of the National Rifle Association I respectfully request your opposition to SB 235.

Thank you for your consideration.