



**Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce  
Support for SB235, Carrying of Firearms Regulation  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
March 23, 2017**

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, serving as one of the leading voices for business in the Kansas City area, strongly urges this Senate Committee and the Kansas Legislature to pass SB235 which will allow local regulation of firearms in some of the most volatile venues in our state.

The KC Chamber represents more than 2,200 businesses in the Kansas City area (more than 1,000 in Kansas) that are concerned about the safety and security of our citizens. We believe allowing guns in environments that are already rife with tension and anxiety such as healthcare institutions, educational institutions and mental health facilities is bad for the people in these facilities and bad for the economic opportunities that are derived from these important community services.

The KC Chamber advocates for state policy that allows educational institutions, healthcare institutions, local units of government and other businesses to regulate the carrying of firearms (open or concealed) on their premises. SB235 amends current state statute to allow state and community-owned healthcare institutions to regulate the carrying of guns in their facilities. While SB235 does not allow local governments and institutions of higher education the opportunity to regulate guns on their premises, we do believe the bill is a step in the right direction to preserve and improve safety within the volatile environments of our state's healthcare facilities.

On behalf of the KC Chamber Board of Directors, we urge the committee and Kansas legislature to look favorably upon this legislation and other policy measures to allow individual institutional regulation of firearms. Thank you for your consideration.

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