

Thank you Chairman, Vice Chair and to the committee for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Amanda Winch. I am a lifelong Kansan who grew up in Wichita, KS and now reside in Overland Park, KS with my family. I am a parent of 2 young boys, an alumna of Kansas State University and I am also the volunteer Kansas Chapter Leader of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. We are a nonpartisan, grassroots gun violence prevention organization, dedicated to advancing policies that respect the Second Amendment and protect our communities from gun violence. I became involved with Moms Demand Action over 4 years ago because, as a new mother, I thought it was important to raise awareness about gun safety and felt that no parent should have to endure losing a child in such a senseless way.

On behalf of the thousands of Moms Demand Action supporters in the state of Kansas, we oppose HB 2058. It is a dangerous piece of legislation which would further rollback gun laws in our state and threaten the integrity of Kansas' concealed carry permit.

Enacting this bill would allow people with permits from other states to carry hidden, loaded handguns in Kansas communities, even if they would be ineligible for a permit in KS.

In our country, 14 states issue concealed carry permits to teenagers, who are not eligible to carry concealed handguns in public under current Kansas law. Of those states, 10 allow certain convicted stalkers to obtain permits; 9 fail to require live-fire handgun safety training; and 6 issue permits to many violent misdemeanor offenders.

I urge you to oppose HB 2058 which would allow untrained people and those with dangerous histories from other states to carry concealed handguns into Kansas.

Thank you.

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