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House Federal and State Affairs Committee

300 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave

Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Barker:

I am writing to you regarding House Bill 2059 (HB 2059) and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) position on this critical piece of legislation. HB 2059 will help bring Kansas into alignment with many other parts of the country in regard to the Second Amendment. It fixes an oversight that was not the legislature's intent to change and makes it so law abiding Kansas adults are not denied their right to self-defense.

HB 2059 seeks to recognize all valid concealed carry permits and allow those who have been licensed to carry a firearm for self-defense to do so lawfully in Kansas. Given Kansas' transient border workforce and large military population, this legislation is a commonsense measure that follows the strong Second Amendment traditions of our great state. HB 2059 also allows individuals who are 18 to 20 years of age to apply for a provisional Kansas concealed carry permit. With the sharp increase in first time gun ownership and record-breaking firearm sales, HB 2059 will help assure new gun owners across the country that their Constitutional rights are preserved when they travel to or through Kansas.

For these reasons, and several others, the NRA strongly supports the passage of HB 2059.

Sincerely,

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State Director – Kansas

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