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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Kansas State Rifle Association, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 2059, AN ACT concerning firearms; relating to the personal and family protection act; recognition of licenses issued by other jurisdictions; creating a special license for persons under the age of 21; amending K.S.A. 75-7c02, 75-7c03, 75-7c04, 75-7c08 and 75-7c21 and K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 21-5914, 21-6301, 21-6302, 21-6309 and 32-1002 and repealing the existing sections.

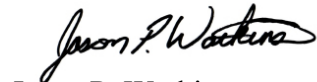
This legislation provides for two primary actions. First, it addresses an issue that was originally brought forward by the Kansas Attorney General's office in 2017 to address a concealed carry reciprocity issue. H.B. 2059 would provide that a valid license or permit to carry a concealed firearm issued by another jurisdiction would be recognized in Kansas. A valid license or permit that is recognized in Kansas would only entitle the lawful holder to carry concealed handguns in Kansas, and the holder would be required to act in accordance with the laws of Kansas while in the state.

The bill would also allow for individuals ages 18, 19, and 20 to apply for, and if meeting the requirements, receive a provisional Kansas concealed carry license. This provision would allow Kansas to join with the other 24% of states that allow for the concealed carry of firearms by those 18 years of age or older.

We urge the Committee to report H.B. 2059 favorable for passage.

Thank you, and I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Very truly yours,



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