

Dear Lawmakers,

I am writing to you today to urge you to reject HB 2058.

I believe that the proposed bill is dangerous and would harm public safety in Kansas. I speak as a mother, concerned citizen, and teacher. Carrying a hidden, loaded, handgun is a serious responsibility. When it comes to this responsibility, I do not think that we should rely on the laws of other states to determine who can and cannot carry concealed handguns in the state of Kansas.

Kansas doesn't currently allow people under the age of 21 to carry concealed handguns, but 14 other states do issue concealed carry permits to teenagers. Furthermore, 10 of those states allow certain convicted stalkers to obtain permits; 9 fail to require live-fire handgun safety training; and 6 even issue permits to some violent misdemeanor offenders.

Automatically allowing people with permits from other states to carry concealed handguns in Kansas is very unwise as it will exacerbate violence overall and domestic violence in particular. I don't want potentially dangerous individuals carrying concealed handguns in our communities, who would not qualify for a concealed carry permit under Kansas Law. I love our state and want to feel safe here!

Please reject HB 2058.

Yours respectfully, Karin Barrett