

Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee:

My name is Lene Brooke. I am a parent, a grandparent, a lifelong Kansan, and a gun violence prevention advocate.

I support HB 2251.

Firearms in the hands of a domestic abuser can turn domestic violence into murder. In 2018 the Kansas legislature voted nearly unanimously to pass a bill to keep guns out of the hands of individuals convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence and those subject to an active domestic violence restraining order. But that bill did not have a mechanism to remove the firearms that those individuals might already have. This allows prohibited abusers to continue to have easy access to firearms leaving Kansas women and families in danger. We need HB 2251 to provide that process and close the loophole in the current law.

I urge the Committee to put the safety of their constituents first and support HB 2251. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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