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Mr. Chairman, thank you for allowing me to testify today in support of SB 482, the FIND Act, otherwise known as the Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act.

The 2nd Amendment clearly states that **the right of the people to keep and bear Arms** shall not be infringed. This right is essential to our liberty as Americans and is held dear by tens of thousands of Kansans just like you and me.

For decades, groups opposed to the foundational principles enshrined in the 2nd Amendment have attempted **direct** attacks on our sacred right to self-defense in every imaginable way, from attempts to outright ban many of the most common firearms to restricting or eliminating the ability of our most vulnerable from carrying a concealed firearm for self-defense. In Kansas, we have some of the best 2nd Amendment protections in America, and we should continue that work.

In more recent years, we have seen an equal or even greater focus by gun-control advocates on **indirect** attacks on our freedoms. In some ways, these indirect attacks are far more insidious as they attempt to limit the ability of entities whose business is firearms to participate in society. In what amounts to a form of cancel culture, left-wing groups determined to undermine our constitutionally-protected rights are placing pressure on private financial institutions to discriminate against firearms manufacturers, dealers, firearm safety instructors, and trade associations. We've seen 2nd Amendment organizations lose their ability to process payments, perform regular banking functions, and more. This is wrong.

SB 482 is meant to blunt this attack by prohibiting companies that choose to discriminate from receiving certain government contracts.

The people of Kansas have made it clear time and again that they strongly support the 2nd Amendment. State government should respect the will of the people and not engage in contracts with entities that go out of their way to undermine the 2nd Amendment by restricting an already highly-regulated industry from doing the same business you and I do. It's as simple as that, and that's what this bill will address.

Thank you.