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PROPONENT Testimony in support of SB 192

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To Chairman Olson, Committee members, and staff:

Thank you for considering my testimony.

My name is Megan Langford. I chose to make Kansas my home 17 years ago. I am a mom and a wife, and I would do anything to keep my family and families like mine safe.

I am testifying today because current Kansas state law prohibits most domestic abusers from possessing firearms. But even if an abuser is prohibited from having firearms, there is no law requiring them to relinquish the guns they may already have.

SB 192 would help enforce current law by requiring abusers to turn in their guns while they are prohibited from possessing them.

I am fortunate to live in a safe home, a home free from violence of any kind. But many women just like me, and children just like mine, are not so lucky. In 2019 alone, Kansas law enforcement agencies reported responding to over 22,000 domestic violence incidents.

In these domestic violence situations, access to a gun makes it five times more likely that the woman will be killed. Guns in the hands of an abuser can turn domestic violence into murder.

I encourage members of the committee to support SB 192 and vote YES on this life-saving bill.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit my testimony.