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PROPONENT Testimony in support of SB 192
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Chairman Olson, Committee members, and staff,

My name is Lene Carttar Brooke.

I am a lifelong resident of Kansas and, other than my years attending Bethany College in Lindsborg, have lived my entire life in Lawrence.

I am deeply grateful to be able to tell you that I have never been directly impacted by gun violence or domestic violence. But I feel so sorry for individuals whose lives have been affected by those tragic circumstances.

I am submitting testimony today because, thanks to past overwhelmingly bi-partisan action by the legislature, 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.

Guns in the hands of a domestic abuser can turn domestic violence into murder. Access to a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it five times more likely that a woman will die. And in 2019 alone, Kansas law enforcement agencies reported responding to over 22,000 domestic violence incidents.

I urge members of the committee to put the safety of their constituents first and vote YES on SB 192.

Sincerely,

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