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Written-Only Testimony  
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Chair Olson and members of the committee,

My name is Melissa Reichmeier and I have lived in Johnson County since moving to Kansas in 1985. I have married and raised 3 children, including a daughter, who are now adults residing in the area.

As a Kansan concerned with domestic violence, I am writing in support of SB192 to ensure that those charged with domestic abuse must relinquish any firearms they may already have in their possession. SB192 would help enforce current law by requiring abusers to turn in all of their guns during the time they are prohibited from possessing them.

I work at a high school where the mother of one of our students was shot and killed during a domestic dispute in 2019. I experienced the many ways that impacted the student, his family and our entire school community.

In 2019 alone, Kansas law enforcement agencies reported responding to over 22,000 domestic violence incidents. In Kansas, 70% of all women killed by an intimate partner are killed with a gun.

I strongly support SB192 and encourage members of the committee to vote YES on this life saving bill to make communities like mine safer places to live.

Thank you,

Melissa Reichmeier

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