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OPPONENT: Testimony in opposition of SB 522

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Good afternoon Chairman Olson, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Claudia Patrick

I have lived in Kansas for 42 years. I am a Dyslexic Specialist and I work with children 5 days a week. I am the spouse of a Sheriff's Deputy in Wyandotte CO. Gun violence has affected our family over the last 32 years.

I am testifying today because gun safety and safe storage is an important conversation to have with children. SB 522 does not specifically prohibit students from using actual guns and ammunition during the training course. This poses a significant risk to our children.

SB 522 has NOT been proven to help keep our kids safe. Allowing children access to unsecured guns puts them at risk of unintentional shootings.

My experience as a mother of two and a gun owner leads me to emphasize that adults have the onus for keeping children safe from unintentional shootings by locking up guns and ammunition.

The bottom line is that research shows that households that locked both firearms and ammunition were associated with an 85% lower risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children

I encourage members of the committee to oppose SB 522 and vote NO on this bill. This concludes my testimony. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today.