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Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written Only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2803.

As a citizen of KS for 40 years now, I have seen the State Legislature make obtaining and carrying a gun easier and easier.

Stats from the CDC website are here:

2014 Deaths by firearm: **329** (This includes suicides.)

2021 Deaths by firearm: **503** (This includes suicides.)

2014 KS Homicides by firearm: **104 (3.6 people per 100,000 people)**

2021 KS Homicides by firearm: **180 (6.4 people per 100,000 people)**

Please WORK TO REVERSE this trend...NOT ENHANCE IT.

I completely understand that **rural folks** would want firearms for protection. Look MORE DEEPLY into the issue and figure out a solution to this epidemic of death by firearm. It's your job.

Again, I ask you to vote NO on HB2803.

Thank you.

Lynn Hardy

40 Year Leawood Resident