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## Testimony to the House Federal and State Affairs Committee

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BILL NUMBER: **HB 2803, *CREATING the Kansas gun rights preservation act to prohibit the commandeering of state resources to enforce federal gun control against law-abiding citizens.***

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: **Opponent**

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: **Written Only**

Chair Carpenter and Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony opposing HB 2803 because it utterly perplexes me why the committee would entertain advocating the nullification federal law by prohibiting Kansas authorities from assisting in the enforcement of federal law? Let's not be coy about what this proposes. It is a direct challenge to the US Constitution. All past attempts to nullify federal law have been struck down by the courts. The portions of HB 2803 that might survive such court challenges would still likely subject KS law enforcement to harassing lawsuits.

Do you so under-value public safety that you would create penalties for police, prosecutors and any other KS government employee trying to do their jobs by complying with federal public safety laws? Is it that you think it prudent to telegraph to criminals that they can carry firearms in violation of federal law while here in Kansas? Perhaps it's okay that folks who are underage and commit a crime — or even under indictment for a crime for which the punishment is more than a year's imprisonment — should be able to carry any number of firearms which federal law would otherwise not allow?

This bill, even more incredulously, seeks to empower arrested individuals by allowing them to sue KS prosecutors AND police who refer them to the US Attorney for federal prosecution! Maybe you just like gambling and high levels of risk... assuming your family would never be put in harm's way by flouting our federation thus.

Dismiss this bill from consideration... or just VOTE NO on HB 2803.



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