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Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

As a parent and as a teacher of young children, I ask you to listen to the voice of Kansans and enact common sense gun laws. A majority of Kansans from both parties, and every Kansan I interact with, insist upon common sense gun laws, such as universal background checks and safe storage laws. We fear for our children going out into the world, fear sending our children to school, and fear for our students. We know this issue is complex and has many contributing factors. This is not lost on anyone. What we do know, is that even incremental action is action. Even if incremental action deters any sort of violence, it is a win for our children and students.

I respectfully request that you listen to your constituents and vote no on HB 2803.

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