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Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Oppose

Written only

Dear Chairperson & members of the committee,

Kansas does not need fewer regulations around guns. We are seeing more gun violence and gun violence attempts every week in this city and it will only get worse if you send this bill through. Make an effort to make a decision and say enough is enough. We have to do better for the safety of our city and citizens.

This bill is unconstitutional. The United States Constitution (the document Second Amendment crusaders cite religiously) includes what is known as the “Supremacy Clause,” which states that federal law is “the supreme Law of the Land” and will displace or “preempt” any conflicting state law.^[1] The United States Supreme Court has referred to this clause as the “ultimate touchstone” of statutory interpretation in the country.^[2] This bill instructs Kansas law enforcement to disregard federal law. It is nonsensical and unconstitutional.

Thank you,
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