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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

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2803. I am a law abiding citizen who strongly encourages you to vote no on bill HB 2803. First, this bill is not constitutional. The United States Constitution 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. The United States Supreme Court has referred to this clause as the "ultimate touchstone" of statutory interpretation in our great country. This bill instructs Kansas law enforcement to disregard federal law. It is nonsensical and unconstitutional.

Kansas has increasingly cut away at its gun regulations, and the state has seen a 32% increase in gun-related deaths. There have been more school shootings in Kansas in the last five years than in the last 40 years combined. Passing this bill would make an already dire situation even worse. Please think of the young lives that do not need to be lost to senseless gun violence.

In closing, please vote no on bill HB 2803.

Tara

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