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SB 192

Protect Women and Families from Armed Domestic Violence

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Written Testimony- ONLY

Good morning, Chairman Olson, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Leanna Barclay and I live in Shawnee, Kansas.

I am testifying today in support of SB 192. Currently, Kansas state law prohibits most domestic abusers from possessing firearms. The problem is that even though the convicted abuser is prohibited from purchasing a gun, there isn't a law requiring them to turn in the guns they already have. So basically, the current law is toothless, providing no mechanism in which to enforce the law. SB 192 would fix this glaring loophole. SB 192 would give law enforcement the tools they need. Convicted domestic abusers would be required to turn in their guns while they are prohibited from possessing them.

The statistics on domestic violence are very clear. A woman who is in a domestic violence situation is 5 times more likely to die when a gun is present. In fact, 70% of all women killed by an intimate partner in Kansas, were killed with a gun.

In 2018 the current anti-domestic violence law was passed with overwhelming bi-partisan support. Legislators of both parties acted to keep the women and children of Kansas safe. It is time to strengthen this action and give our law enforcement the means to reduce the tragedy that is domestic violence in the state of Kansas.

I urge the members of this committee to support SB 192 and vote YES on this life saving bill.

Thank you.

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