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Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

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Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

Mere weeks after I watched the tragic shootings at the Chiefs Super Bowl rally and worried for friends who were attending, I was stunned to learn that a bill has been introduced that would weaken gun laws and make Kansans less safe by prohibiting Kansas law enforcement officers from enforcing federal gun laws. This bill instructs Kansas law enforcement to disregard federal law. It is nonsensical and unconstitutional and ultimately would lead to senseless litigation as was seen in Missouri when they passed a similar bill in 2021, the Second Amendment Preservation Act.

A vast majority of Kansans support common ground gun reform such as universal background checks and red flag laws¹ and want federal officers in Kansas to be able to do their jobs and help keep our communities safe. By bringing this bill to the floor, the Kansas legislature is actively disregarding the needs and voices of their constituents.

I urge you to vote NO on bill HB 2803.

Sincerely,

Lori Bennett

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¹The Docking Institute of Public Affairs: Kansas Speaks Fall 2022 Statewide Public Opinion Survey.