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Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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BILL NUMBER: HB 2803 Gun Rights Preservation Act

OPPONENT

WRITTEN-ONLY TESTIMONY

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

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

This bill tries to nullify federal gun laws by preventing local Kansas law enforcement agencies from enforcing these laws. This can lead to penalizing those people who have vowed to protect us, including police, prosecutors, and other government employees. Not only will this create confusion amongst our Kansas police officers, much as it did when a similar statute was in effect in our neighboring state of Missouri, but it also does nothing to address the gun violence epidemic that is currently plaguing our state. I implore you to focus your attention on bills that will keep our children and communities safe from gun violence instead of bills that would make it even harder for law enforcement to keep us safe.

I encourage you to vote **NO** on HB 2803.

Respectfully,

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