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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 & Committee Members:

Please do not release HB 2803 from committee.

As a shooting victim, I oppose legislation that would delay or eliminate state/federal law enforcement cooperation that would speed bringing felons to justice.

The odds that this legislation would actually protect ordinary Kansans from federal enforcement are slim or non-existent; most do nothing to fall afoul of federal statutes.

Meanwhile, up to 600 Kansans are arrested annually for crimes including federal gun law offenses, most typically felons illegally in possession of a firearm according to statistics compiled by the Bureau of Justice and the United States Sentencing Commission.

This bill, therefore, would most likely benefit hardened criminals, an outcome I doubt you would support. And it is the reason I oppose HB 2803 and ask you to vote NO on it.

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