

Good morning. My name is Aubrey Omanson and I am here to give my testimony in support of HB 2803.

My background is I am an average citizen. I am your typical suburban mom. I have 4 kids. I spend a lot of time in the carpool lane. I am a PTA mom, a booster club mom, the list could go on and on. Like everyone else in this room that is a parent, those sweet babies are my life. With that being said, I feel an immense amount of responsibility and duty to protect my children. One of the ways I have chosen to protect myself and my children should the need ever arise is by carrying a firearm concealed. I am by no means a competitive shooter but I am citizen who has taken it upon her herself to be a responsible and proficient gun owner. I am a mom who strongly supports the second amendment. I have not always carried a firearm. It was an incident that took place during my hair appointment (of all the places) that led me to the decision to conceal carry. I remember sitting in my hair dressers chair thinking I am a sitting duck and thank goodness my children are not with me. The situation was frightening and life altering for me. I left my appointment that day with a promise to myself I would never feel that way again. I went to great lengths to be a responsible gun owner. I set out to know and understand the state laws that pertain to conceal carry, I researched and purchased the proper safes for my home, I purchased related accessories to ensure I was carrying in safe manner, I obtained professional training and still take private lessons to this day, I took the CCW class, passed the test and met the requirements to receive my permit and most importantly, I do what is called the 3 P's on a regular basis. I practice, practice, practice. In order for me to feel comfortable carrying concealed I wanted to be certain I was a safe, responsible and educated gun owner. I would contend that the majority of people that choose to conceal carry feel the same and have taken similar measures.

As a mom, I would ask you today to protect our second amendment rights. Never again do I want to feel the way I did that did that day at my hair appointment. We continue to see federal overreach by the government when it comes to our second amendment rights. HB 2803 would protect the citizens of KS right and it is my ask of you today to safeguard the second amendment and section 4 of the KS state constitution.