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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.

First, this bill is unconstitutional based on the "Supremacy Clause" and will only lead to costly litigation wasting Kansas taxpayer dollars and legislators' time.

Second, a vast majority of Kansans support common ground gun reform (72.3% support universal background checks, 77.9% support 21-year-old age requirement, 73.3% support red flag laws, 72.3% 3-day waiting period) and want federal officers in Kansas to be able to do their jobs and help keep our communities safe. The Kansas legislature is actively disregarding the needs and voices of their constituents.

Third, since Kansas has steadily chipped away at its gun regulations, the state has seen a 32% increase in gun-related deaths. There have been more school shootings in Kansas in the last five years than in the last 40 years combined. This bill would make an already dire situation even worse.

Finally, I do not understand why the Kansas legislature continues to make our communities more dangerous for law enforcement. Every piece of legislation that is passed to make it easier for anyone in Kansas to obtain and carry mass killing machines makes it more and more dangerous for law enforcement every day.

For these reasons and many more, please vote no on bill HB 2803.

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