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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 vote against HB 2803 – legislation that will benefit felons in our state far more than protect already law-abiding citizens.

Serious criminal charges over firearm sale or possession typically arise only in cases involving the commission of other serious crimes or illegal immigration status. These cases frequently require federal/state cooperation to ensure conviction and to maximize the sentences imposed.

I oppose this legislation because it would delay or eliminate state/federal law enforcement cooperation that would speed bringing felons to justice and would incentivize drug dealers and other criminals from surrounding states to expand their operations into Kansas.

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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