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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.

In the state of Kansas, we should not prohibit law enforcement from enforcing federal gun laws. This is unconstitutional, unenforceable and ultimately a massive waste of time in money and litigation.

We saw Missouri pass a similar bill (the Second Amendment Preservation Act) in 2021 (the "Missouri Act"), which was challenged immediately as unconstitutional. The Missouri Act was litigated for years and wasted numerous taxpayer dollars.

These bills are on their face unconstitutional, unenforceable, and instantly result in litigation—a senseless waste taxpayers' dollars and legislators' time.

We want our law enforcement to be able to safely do their jobs and keep all of us safe. Why are we actively disregarding the voice of constituents?

Please listen to us and vote no on bill HB 2803.

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