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**Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs**

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HB 2803 Gun Rights Preservation Act  
Opponent  
Written Only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2803.

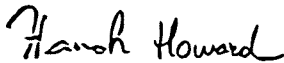
As a Kansas resident, I am saddened that Kansas has steadily chipped away at its gun regulations. I cannot help but hold my breath for news of another mass shooting, and I know it could potentially be at my local school, grocery store, or place of worship. Too often, guns get into the hands of people who seek to harm themselves and others. This fills me with fear day after day. I know I am not alone, as I have friends who fear to send their children to school.

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.

We also know that this bill goes against the desires of constituents. 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). The Kansas legislature is actively disregarding the needs and voices of their constituents.

Please vote no on bill HB 2803.

Sincerely,  
Hannah Howard



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