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Dear members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee:

First of all, thank you for taking your time away from your private work to serve our State. I really appreciate your sacrifice and it is with respect that I would like to share my concern and ultimately my opposition to HB 2803.

As a longtime hunter and firearms owner and until recently an NRA member, I understand the challenges facing our 2nd amendment rights and share the concern of those who are actively working to protect them. I am remiss that I have not paid as much attention to the work of our legislature over time to both protect and restrict access to guns where appropriate, however that is on me.

That said, I am now paying more attention to these efforts, many I support and others like HB 2803 to which I am opposed.

“AN ACT concerning firearms; creating the Kansas gun rights preservation act; prohibiting the commandeering of state resources to enforce federal gun control against law-abiding citizens; providing civil penalties and a cause of action for violations of the act.”

While I am certain that the authors have a problem they are trying to solve, I do not see it.

As I understand it, this bill appears to put the laws of Kansas Laws above Federal laws with respect to firearms. (Didn't some people try this approach in the early 1860s?) While I share concerns about real and perceived Federal overreach in our lives and believe that the best politics are local, I do not see where this act is addressing a near or intermediate term issue and request that it not be passed along to the next step.

I am always open to learning more on this topic and find out how we can balance the needs and desires on both sides of this conversation. Perhaps at some point in the future I will see the imperative for this type of law but now does not seem to be the time to ask our legislators to spend their limited calories on it.

Again, thanks you all of you for your work on our behalf and for allowing me to share my opinion.

With Respect

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