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

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**BILL NUMBER:** HB 2803 Gun Rights Preservation Act

**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** Written

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

This law is unenforceable since federal law is the supreme law of the land and will preempt any state laws when a conflict arises between the two laws. Missouri has written a very similar law that was almost immediately challenged and ultimately ruled on by United States Supreme Court, which said that the Missouri law usurped the federal law and did not allow federal authorities to do their jobs of enforcing gun laws. The cost to defend the law by the state of Missouri was a waste of taxpayer money, and if passed by the state of Kansas, would also be a waste of our taxpayer money.

Kansans are looking for common sense gun reforms, which are not provided for in this bill. In fact, this bill interferes with federal authorities in our state from being able to enforce federal gun legislation, which would put the citizens of Kansas in harms way. One can't ignore the fact that 32% of gun related deaths are the result of previous legislation in the state of Kansas, as well as an increase in school shootings in the last five years. Let's work on common sense gun reform to help all the citizens of Kansas.

In conclusion, I am stating that I oppose bill HB 2803.

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