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RE: Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Senate Bill No. 45 Hearing

Dear Chairman Pyle and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Patricia Stoneking and I am the President and Registered Lobbyist for The Kansas State Rifle Association. I represent over 8000 KSRA members, 48,000 NRA members in Kansas, multiple gun clubs sporting thousands of members as well as nearly 900 Kansas gun dealers. I am writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 45.

SB 45 would prohibit the use of taxpayer money to advocate against legal activities and products in the State of Kansas. It specifically provides for prohibition on taxpayer money being used to promote or advocate for gun control.

In 2010 the voters of this state affirmed their belief that the Second Amendment prevails in Kansas by approving a constitutional amendment to Article 4 of the Kansas Constitution. This ballot initiative passed with an overwhelming 89% of the vote. Those same voters and taxpayers are appalled to see their tax dollars being spent by cities, counties and agents of those jurisdictions to promote gun control and prohibitions on their Second Amendment rights; generally advocating for the opposite of what they voted to affirm.

In the seven years that I have been testifying at hearings regarding Second Amendment and firearms related legislation I have always questioned the validity of encountering opposition at those hearings from lobbyists and representatives being paid with our tax money to lobby against those things which are an inalienable and constitutional right of every law abiding citizen of this state.

KSRA is dedicated to encouraging safe and responsible use of firearms as well as the responsible use of their tax dollars. We believe that using taxpayer funds to lobby against legal activities and products is just simply wrong. It is a gross waste and misuse of taxpayer money and we must put an end to it. It is the right thing to do.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for considering our position in this most important matter. We respectfully urge that you protect Kansas firearms owners and taxpayers by voting YES in support of SB 45. Please recommend this bill for passage and send it to the floor of the House for a debate and vote.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our position on this most important matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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