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RE: Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Senate Bill No. 109 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 109.

SB 109 would prohibit the use of public funds to advocate against legal activities and products in the State of Kansas. It specifically provides for prohibition on public funds being used to pay membership dues to any association that is engaged in lobbying the state and prohibits public funds from being used to pay lobbyists. Officers and employees would still be permitted to communicate with the legislature and request necessary legislative action or appropriations.

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 public funds 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 public funds. We believe that using public funds to lobby against legal activities and products is just simply wrong. It is a gross waste and misuse of those funds 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 109. Please recommend this bill for passage and send it to the floor of the Senate 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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