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In Opposition
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Dear Chairman Bud Estes and the members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Concealed Carry bill, HB2042.

As a life-long educator, I can tell you that the brain of an 18-year old is not mature enough to be carrying a gun. Emerging science about brain development suggests that most people don't reach full maturity until the age 25. Allowing an 18, 19, 20-year old to carry a gun on our university campuses is not increasing our safety. It is making our entire society unsafe and will cause undue harm to innocent people who are killed by this shortsighted legislation. Have the massacres that have occurred on our campuses across our nation not taught us anything?

I ask that you oppose HB2042. Lowering the age of concealed carry to 18 is too great a risk for our young people, our families, and our communities.

Thank you for your consideration,

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