

Chairman Barker and Members of the House State and Federal Affairs Committee,

My name is Leanna Barclay and I am testifying in opposition to HB 2058. This bill will only increase the risk of gun violence in our communities.

Passage of HB 2058 would allow teenagers, certain convicted stalkers and violent misdemeanor offenders to carry loaded, concealed firearms. How is this helping to keep our families safe? This bill will result in more guns in our libraries, parks, community centers, neighborhoods and universities.

I am well aware of the gun violence crisis in our state and country. I know that it is possible to pass reasonable laws that have been proven to significantly reduce gun injuries and deaths. HB 2058 is NOT that type of law. This bill will only undermine the common-sense safety laws that keep Kansas communities safe when people carry concealed firearms in public.

In the last year, we have all watched a huge surge in gun and ammunition sales followed by a dramatic increase in gun death and violence in our Covid-19 ravaged country. This is a time to look for responsible gun legislation. This is a time for lawmakers to put the security of their constituents first and reject this dangerous proposal. I urge you to vote down HB 2058!

Thank you,

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