

HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER: HB 2251

Support _____ Oppose _____ Neutral _____

Testimony Will Be: In Person Oral _____ Webex Oral _____ Written Only

For Meeting on Friday, March 19, 2021, 9AM

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On Behalf Of: Lauren Nordell-Morris

Hello, my name is Lauren Nordell-Morris and I am writing in support of HB 2251, legislation to require domestic abusers to relinquish their firearms. I think that it is safe to say that we can all agree that domestic abusers should not have access to firearms - that screams dangerous. The bill passed in 2018 had bi-partisan support and prohibited domestic abusers from possessing guns. However, the current law doesn't require domestic abusers to turn in guns they already have, and a gun is a very easy way to hurt someone else. In fact, between 2015 and 2019, at least 157 people were killed in domestic violence homicides in Kansas. Think about how many of those whose lives were lost could have been saved with common sense gun laws. We owe it to anyone living in dangerous situations of an abuser to get rid of an easy means of access of harm to themselves, or someone else.

Please take this in consideration when voting on this bill.

Thank you for your time.

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