

To: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

From: John Goodyear, General Counsel

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RE: Opponent Testimony on SB 482 – Written Only

We want to thank Chairman Olson and the members of the Committee for affording the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony opposing SB 482.

Every year, representatives from our member cities review and develop policies to guide our organization during the legislative session. The League's number one priority is to protect home rule. As such, the League opposes legislation that limits the ability of local officials to make local decisions.

SB 482 limits the parties with whom cities are able to do business and contract. Even if a business does not take part in practices that discriminate against firearm trade associations, the party authorized to contract with a city may not be willing or able to sign the certifications required by this bill. The practical effect of SB 482 will be reduced competition on government contracts. Reduced competition means fewer bidders and likely an increase in costs requiring more taxpayer money.

City governing bodies have a duty to be good stewards of public funds. This bill will hinder them in their pursuit of that aim.

The League is opposed to SB 482 because of the limits that it places on a city's ability to contract and would ask that this Committee not recommend it favorably for passage.