



NEUTRAL TESTIMONY WITH REGARDS TO SB 186 – Personal and family protection act; public and private buildings

To: Honorable Chairman Ralph Ostmeyer
Members of the Senate Standing Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 186. The City of Lenexa appreciates the thought put into drafting this legislation as we believe it recognizes the importance of local control. The City of Lenexa does not hold a formal position on gun legislation but we do hold a formal position on matters that would limit local control over local issues.

SB 186 provides the ability for cities to evaluate each city owned facility and implement an appropriate security plan and if deemed necessary to prohibit conceal carry. SB 186 gives cities the ability to establish building security plans in addition to giving cities time to implement adequate security measures. The City of Lenexa supports the local control options provided in SB 186 and as such finds SB 186 to be a better alternative than HB 2055. We strongly urge maintaining local control as found in SB 186 as both bills receive consideration.

Although we find SB 186 to be considerably favorable over HB 2055 (as it relates to issues of local control) we want to express our concern with two areas. First, we find the bill to be confusing as to whether or not it prohibits a public employer, through personnel policies, to regulate employees who are licensed under conceal carry to have a firearm during the performance of their duties. We believe individual employers should retain the ability to regulate and establish personnel policies most appropriate for their organizational needs.

The second area of concern in SB 186 is that while a city may choose to prohibit conceal carry from their buildings by implementing adequate security measures, we do not believe it should be the city's responsibility to store firearms and ammunition brought to the building by a licensed permit holder.

We respectfully request your consideration in these matters. We appreciate your support of local control and would welcome the opportunity to work with you on this legislation.