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Dear Chair & members of the committee, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to bill HB 2803.

Every day I wake up and am horrified to see another shooting on the news. As the mother of an eight month old baby boy, I should be focused on his chubby cheeks, his contagious giggle and how he is so close to crawling. Instead I am constantly worrying whether my son will be shot at community events, at a restaurant, even at the grocery store. The Super Bowl Parade gave reality to that fear and it was too close to home.

HB 2803 would weaken the very laws that are working to keep our community safe from guns. It is a reckless disregard for Kansan's desire for gun violence prevention, and extremely insensitive to be introduced just days after Lisa Lopez-Galvan was shot in cold blood. Your voters, like me, support common sense gun reform because we are petrified to see our children gunned down.

You're not just a politician. You are a parent. You owe it to your own children to vote no on bill HB 2803.

Voters and parents like me will remember your actions come election time.

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