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**Testimony to the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs**

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**BILL NUMBER:** HB 2803 Gun Rights Preservation Act

**PROPOSER, OPPOSER, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** Written

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2803.

This bill is unconstitutional because it conflicts with federal law, as outlined in the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution. By instructing Kansas law enforcement to disregard federal law, it violates the fundamental principles of our legal system.

Despite overwhelming support from Kansans for common-sense gun reform, the Kansas legislature is ignoring their constituents' voices and needs. A majority of Kansans support measures such as universal background checks, raising the minimum age for gun purchase to 21, and implementing red flag laws to help keep communities safe.

Kansas has experienced a 32% increase in gun-related deaths since relaxing its gun regulations. More school shootings have occurred in the state in the last five years than in the previous 40 years combined. This bill would exacerbate an already alarming trend and further endanger the safety of Kansans.

Please protect Kansans and vote NO on HB 2803

Thank you,

Veronica Holtz

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