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

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HB 2803 Gun Rights Preservation Act  
Opponent  
Written Only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens. I work with youth daily as a soccer coach. I have had to listen as players tell me "we had to lockdown at school today because of a threat of a school shooter" and are visibly shaken up by the fear. There is nothing I can do because I cannot promise them safety. Guns get in the hands of people with bad intentions and can have dire consequences on our children.

There have been more school shootings in Kansas in the last five years than in the last 40 years combined. This bill would make this situation even worse. This bill instructs Kansas law enforcement to disregard federal law, making it so law enforcement cannot protect our children.

Please vote no on bill HB 2803.

Sincerely,  
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