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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

**PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** Written Only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

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

- First, this bill is unconstitutional. The United States Constitution includes what is known as the “Supremacy Clause,” which states that federal law is “the supreme Law of the Land” and will displace or “preempt” any conflicting state law. <sup>[1]</sup> This bill instructs Kansas law enforcement to disregard federal law. It is nonsensical and unconstitutional.
- Second, we know that a vast majority of Kansans support common ground gun reform and want federal officers in Kansas to be able to do their jobs and help keep our communities safe. The Kansas legislature is actively disregarding the needs and voices of their constituents.
- Third, since Kansas has steadily chipped away at its gun regulations, the state has seen a 32% increase in gun-related deaths. There have been more school shootings in Kansas in the last five years than in the last 40 years combined. As a parent of two children in school, this is always on my mind. We shouldn’t have to worry about a shooting at school or anywhere, but we do.

Please vote no on bill HB 2803.

Respectfully,

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<sup>[1]</sup> *US Constitution, Article VI, Clause 2 (“This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.”).*