

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2803. The Kansas legislature is actively disregarding the needs and voices of their constituents by considering HB 2803.

As a mother of three boys under 7, I beg of you to reconsider the passage of HB2803. I am solidly opposed, as are the majority of Kansans who support common sense gun reform (72.3% support universal background checks, 77.9% support 21-year-old age requirement, 73.3% support red flag laws, 72.3% 3-day waiting period). HB2803 is not only unconstitutional, but also nonsensical and a complete waste of time and taxpayer money. Look at what happened in Missouri when they passed a similar law – a tremendous amount of time and money was spent on litigation, only for the law to be found unconstitutional in the end. Our children's lives are in danger every day, whether it be in schools, parades, movie theaters, grocery stores, or even their front yards and driveways, where we ran through sprinklers and played countless games of catch this past weekend. Every moment wasted on bills like HN2803 means less precious time we have with our beloved families. Please, let's focus on solutions that truly protect and preserve the lives of our children.

Make no mistake in this interpretation: Myself, along with hundreds of thousands of passionate Kansas constituents who will exercise their democratic right this November, are wholeheartedly and unwaveringly united against the disastrous HB2803. HB2803 has no place in our state. Vote NO.

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