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House Committee on Federal & State Affairs
300 Southwest 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: House Bill 2501 – Providing Immunity from Civil Liability to Federal Firearms Licensees

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Kessler,

I am writing to you regarding House Bill 2501 and the position of the National Rifle Association (NRA) concerning this legislation. We hereby express strong support for House Bill 2501. This law addresses a vital requirement for firearm owners and the small businesses that serve them by granting immunity from civil liability to federal firearms licensees (FFLs) when returning a firearm to its rightful owner subsequent to a 'firearm hold agreement.'

As outlined in the legislation, a firearm hold agreement constitutes a private and voluntary transaction whereby a gun owner petitions an FFL to assume physical custody of their legally owned firearm for an agreed period. These agreements exemplify responsible gun ownership. Whether an individual is traveling, hosting guests with concerns about firearms, or facing personal circumstances that necessitate temporary off-site storage, such agreements offer a secure and dependable solution.

Nevertheless, numerous Federal Firearm Licensees (FFLs) presently exhibit reluctance to offer this service owing to the risk of unfounded civil litigation. House Bill 2501 eliminates this obstacle by guaranteeing that an FFL operating within this state shall be protected from civil liability solely for returning the firearm to the owner upon the termination of the agreement.

We wish to emphasize that this legislation is precisely targeted. It does not offer unrestricted protection for misconduct; the immunity explicitly excludes cases where the conduct arises from 'otherwise unlawful conduct' by the licensee.

By enacting HB 2501, you endorse a private-sector safety initiative that promotes responsible storage without encroaching upon Second Amendment rights. It safeguards the businesses that implement these safety measures from penalties for returning property to its lawful owner.

On behalf of the NRA, I respectfully urge this committee to support this legislation and cast a favorable vote, "YES," for the passage of House Bill 2501 through the House Committee on Federal & State Affairs. I appreciate your time and dedication to advocating for the rights of firearm owners in Kansas.

Sincerely,

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