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

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**OPPONENT.**

**WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY**

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I would like to voice my opposition to HCR 5020.

If Kansas lawmakers want to address gun safety they should do it in a meaningful and impactful way. HCR 5020 does not, instead it

- Could expand gun access to dangerous individuals, including domestic abusers
- Limits the ability of law enforcement to intervene if convicted felons possess dangerous and illegal devices

Guns are the one of the leading causes of death among kids and teens in Kansas. Each time there is a mass shooting – you hear the outcry from millions of people to enact gun safety laws that will protect our children in schools and people going about their daily lives. As a lawmaker, you have the opportunity to do just this. Instead, if you choose to pursue this amendment, you could allow convicted felons and domestic abusers to own guns, a sure threat to the safety of all Kansans. This is not a hypothetical: when similar amendments passed in other states, convicted felons and domestic abusers sued for access to guns.

It is still possible to protect the Second Amendment while also ensuring that dangerous individuals do not have access to guns by passing and enforcing reasonable gun laws. We continue to do a disservice to our communities by making it easier for criminals and mentally unstable individuals to access deadly weapons.

Please look beyond this bill's intent and focus on its impact: it gives dangerous individuals a path to access deadly weapons at taxpayers' expense and puts everyone's safety at risk.

Please vote no on HCR 5020.

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