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In Opposition Testimony: Written Only

Dear Chairman Bud Estes and the members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Concealed Carry bill, HB2042.

We are a household with a United States Air Force Veteran. Eight hours of training is not enough. Learning what to do with the gun once you've got it is not something you can teach in eight hours. Not only that but their brains are not fully finished developing, that's basic science. They are not fully capable of making adult decisions, and they may not understand long term consequences. Between suicide rates at that age and alcohol on campuses, this is a bill that is frankly dangerous. As parents, we will be seriously considering sending our daughters out of state to a safer environment for college.

I ask that you oppose HB2042. Lowering the age of concealed carry to 18 is too great a risk for our young people, our families, and our communities.

Thank you for your consideration,

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