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In Opposition
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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.

As an educator, I work on a daily basis with young people aged 18 - 25. They are smart and well informed, but not mature at this age. Often they suffer from emotional swings that would make carrying a firearm a very bad idea. In addition, I have personally seen how thoughts of suicide or self-harm could have ended tragically if access to a gun were part of the equation. The minimal training required for a permit would not negate this risk.

I also happen to believe that the idea of guns-on-campus is an extremely reckless proposition. I would challenge the members of your committee to spend a full day on campus talking with professors, and experiencing in person, campus classrooms/activities/living arrangements. This would be a most informative experience.

I ask that you oppose HB2042. Lowering the age of concealed carry to 18 is too great a risk!

Thank you for your consideration,

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