

**March 7, 2022, 10:30am**  
**Kansas State Senate - Federal and State Affairs Committee Hearing**  
**OPPONENT: Testimony in opposition of SB 522**  
**WRITTEN-ONLY Testimony**  
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To Chairman Olson, Committee members, and staff:

Thank you for considering my testimony. My name is Megan Langford. I chose to make Kansas my home 17 years ago. I am a mom of two kids and I care deeply about keeping my family and all families safe.

I am testifying today because gun safety and safe storage is an important conversation to have with children. However, SB 522 does not specifically prohibit students from using actual guns and ammunition during the training course. This poses a significant risk to our children. Allowing children access to unsecured guns puts them at risk of unintentional shootings.

Research has found that programs like Eddie Eagle do not reduce the likelihood that children will mishandle firearms in an unsupervised situation. Rather than introducing a safety program that doesn't work into our schools, we should be addressing the root cause of why our children are dying by gun violence. The data shows that unintentional shootings involving our children are overwhelmingly due to easy access to unsecured firearms. We also know 5.4 million American children live in homes with guns that are both loaded and unlocked.

I encourage members of the committee to oppose SB 522 and vote NO on this bill. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit my testimony.