

## **Kansas PTA**

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Written. Testimony to Senate Fed and State Affairs Honorable Chair, Senator Mike Thompson Sheila Wodtke, Committee Assistant Sheila.Wodtke@senate.ks.gov Room 136-E, State Capitol Building

Opposed to Senate Bill 116 – Gun Safety

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Honorable Chair Thompson and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding SB 116 – Gun Safety. While Kansas PTA is an advocate of safe schools and gun safety in particular, we are opposed to this bill to driven by legislative action to determine whether and how to create a standardized approach to gun safety. The bill oversteps the authority of the State Board of Education and local school boards to determine the most approach programs and policies appropriate for their school communities (KS PTA Legislative Priority 11).

Thank you for your consideration of our opposition to SB 116 – Gun Safety.

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## THE PTA POSITION

Kansas PTA is a nonpartisan association that promotes the welfare of children and youth. The PTA does not endorse any candidate or political party. Rather, we advocate for policies and legislation that affect Kansas youth in alignment with our legislative platform and priorities. <a href="PTA mission and purpose">PTA mission and purpose</a> have remained the same since our inception over 100 years ago, focused on facilitating every child's potential and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.