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Dear Chairman John Barker and the members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I OPPOSE House Bill HB2220.

As a student of a Kansas university and on behalf of my peers, I strongly oppose this legislation as it strips universities from their right to create and enforce policy that is best fit for their campus community. Allowing for unregulated individuals to bring handguns on campus does not make myself or my fellow students safer. If we allow individuals to bring a handgun on campus for their own protection, we are also allowing for individuals to bring handguns into a classroom for the purpose of harming a student or university staff member. We cannot rely on a student, staff member, or patron with good intentions to protect us from an individual with bad intentions. Bearing in mind the importance of second amendment rights within our society and respecting them fully, I do not believe that universities should be forced to promote these rights within their classrooms without fully examining what is best for their campus community.

Thank you for your consideration,

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