

TESTIMONY OF TOM SCHREIBER IN OPPOSITION TO HB2220

Dear Chairman Barker and Committee Members,

I oppose HB 2220.

In the US, there are currently 93 gun related deaths each day. More people die from a gun than from prostate cancer. There's another 230 each day who are the victims of gun violence.

Gun safety education and training is necessary in a nation quickly enacting legislation making it easier to own and carry a gun. There are free resources available for the public and students to increase their awareness.

The potential cost of enacting HB2220 is:

- Loss of life, increase threats of violence, personal injury
- Concern for public safety at KS campuses could negatively impact research grants, alumni funding, business collaboration, athletic recruitment, national reputation and more.
- Censored classroom discussion for fear of retribution or a conflict being resolved with a gun.

Recommendations

Institute a KS citizens bi partisan gun legislation commission to study the issue and share findings with both chambers and the Governor.

Invite Sandy Hook Promise Leaders to all KS campuses to deliver Know The Signs Programs. They are research based programs to help protect children from gun violence in their homes, schools and communities and can be adapted for adults and college aged students.

Sincerely,

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