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

I oppose House Bill 2220.

This bill is not a reflection of the responsible gun ownership that pro-gun rights activists often tout. This bill does not treat firearms with the respect and responsibility that it takes to use one properly. House Bill 2220 is a reckless measure that will endanger everyone at institutions of higher learning.

As a student who shares these facilities with the thousands of diverse students at KU, I implore you to oppose this bill. Universities need to maintain their rights to enforce local safety regulations. We have explosives on campus. We have alcohol on campus. We have individuals who are already at a higher risk for violence. Gun in dorm rooms with no restrictions on how they are stored or carried will lead to accidents and possibly homicides. This bill is irreverent for citizen's lives.

Earlier this year, Representative Willie Dove already demonstrated that Kansas legislators are unable to responsibly carry a weapon; he left a loaded firearm in a committee room. How can we expect college students to be more responsible than our legislators?

People shouldn't have to die to know that this is a bad idea. Our legislators should have enough forethought to oppose this bill for the safety of its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration,

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