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In Opposition
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Dear Chairman Bud Estes and the members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the Concealed Carry bill, HB2042.

It already frightens me to realize how many people (with questionable judgment and varied perspectives) surround me while carrying concealed weapons. To think that this can be extended to the age of 18 is MORE FRIGHTENING! Not only do I fear for myself and my family, but also for those gun holders. I know more than a handful of families who carry the burden of their teenager committing suicide. Statistics validate that 16-25 year-olds are at high risk for suicide and the easy access to firearms only increases this risk. If the legal drinking age in our country is 21, then let us be consistent and keep the legal age for firearms at 21.

I ask that you oppose HB2042. Lowering the age of concealed carry to 18 is too great a risk for our young people, our families, and our communities.

Thank you for your consideration,

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