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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 14, 2019

TO: House Federal and State Affairs Committee

FROM: Travis Couture-Lovelady, State Director

RE: House Bill 2378

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to you on an issue important to NRA members and gun owners throughout Kansas. On behalf of the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action and our many members in Kansas we wish to express our support for HB 2378.

HB 2378 would prohibit landlords of subsidized apartments from restricting or prohibiting the lawful ownership, use or possession of a firearm in rental agreements. The bill would allow a landlord to impose reasonable restrictions related to the possession, use or transport of a firearm within common areas. If a landlord violates the provisions of the bill, a tenant would be able to recover actual damages and reasonable attorney fees from the landlord. Also, the bill would limit the civil liability imposed on a landlord who complies with the provisions of the bill to cases of "willful, reckless or gross negligence." A person's financial situation should not be a hindrance to their free exercise of their constitutional rights, in this situation, their right to self-defense.

On behalf of the National Rifle Association I respectfully request your support of HB 2378. Thank you for your consideration.