

Written Testimony Only in support of
House Bill 2251: Requiring relinquishment of firearms
pursuant to certain court orders related to domestic violence.

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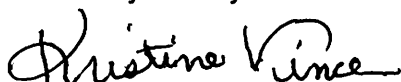
Dear Chair Barker, Vice Chair Arnberger, Ranking Ruiz, and Committee:

My name is Kristine Vince and I live in Overland Park. Thank you for the opportunity to supply written testimony in support of House Bill 2251 that would require the relinquishment of firearms pursuant to certain court orders related to domestic violence.

The life of myself and my 14-year-old daughter this past year has been traumatic due to the fact that my soon to be ex-husband dropped out of mental health treatment, became unstable, & became a threat to both myself and my child. I was able to obtain a Temporary Protection from Abuse (PFA) on 04/01/20. I utilized the police for all his violations and have a safety plan through our local domestic violence shelter (SafeHome). My ex-husband refused to work or interact with the police or the court system for over a six-month time period in 2020. Recently, he began engaging with the court system because he ran out of money, but we do not feel that the danger from him is over yet. I was granted a Final PFA for a year in January of 2021. He is not allowed to have firearms under the PFA and under conditions of his current bond due to 3 violations of the PFA. As I continue to deal with this ongoing unsafe situation, one of my biggest concerns always remains----- the fact that he is a gun owner. I am aware that storing firearms in situations like mine would be a burden to the sheriff's department and potentially cost a substantial amount of money. Still, this is a life and death situation for families struggling with domestic violence like mine. My daughter and I would be safer if my ex-husband relinquished his firearms.

I urge you to support House Bill 2251 so that survivors of domestic violence will be safer in the state of Kansas. Protecting the lives of citizens of the state of Kansas by removing firearms from offenders in domestic violence situations is money well spent.

Thank you for your consideration.



Kristine Vince