

Testimony
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Dear Chairperson and Members of the Federal and State Affairs Committee:

My name is Paul Samberg, and I am sharing my experience with gun violence as it pertains to my support for HB 2251.

Growing up in Sandy Hook, CT, I experienced the horrors of gun violence firsthand. I hid in the gym with the rest of my class while my little brother was two miles down the road, hiding in his cubby in his second grade classroom at Sandy Hook School while listening to gunshots over the PA system.

Although my family was physically safe during the shooting on December 14, 2012, the same cannot be said about my classmates. Following that day a little more than eight years ago, I have become supportive of measures taken to limit gun violence to ensure nobody has to endure the feeling of losing a loved one to gun violence like many of my classmates did.

Now a student at the University of Kansas, I bring my understanding of gun safety legislation's importance to the state of Kansas. HB 2251 is an important bill that will ensure domestic abusers do not have access to guns. Although my experience with gun violence was not related to domestic abuse, I believe that any legislation that mitigates gun-related violence is important.

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