

My name is Megan Hilbish from Emporia, KS. I'm a competitive shooter and certified firearms instructor. I've competed in Kansas with firearms for the past 20 years. I firmly believe that clarifying possession and use of ammunition, firearm accessories, and firearm components within Section 4 of the Kansas Constitution would help competition shooters and firearm owners in Kansas. I've traveled across the world competing and represented the USA in the World Championships. Firearms require ammunition and accessories such as magazines to be able to function properly. I reload for many of my components which requires me to have brass cases, primers, powder, bullets and reloading equipment. Reloading in bulk saves money and allows me to have more accurate ammo fine-tuned to each firearm. I shoot competitions across the state of Kansas and the items listed in this proposed amendment are essential to be able to compete. It would be a shame if a Kansas shooter was unable to compete such as for their high school team and the National Junior Olympics where college coaches recruit, it could prevent a talented young shooter from competing in college which is a NCAA Division I, II, and III sport. Also, if restrictions were imposed it could potentially make Kansas shooters unable to try out for the Olympics or World Championships without this amendment protecting the necessary accessories and ammunition.

As a certified instructor I help teach people new to shooting or purchasing their first firearm through advanced shooters. It's essential that a firearm owner practices with their firearm and equipment such as a holster if carrying. Firearm owners are safer and more accurate with a lot of practice which requires a large amount of ammunition and multiple magazines. This proposed amendment would help protect everyone not just competitive shooters.