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HB 2145
Proponent testimony

Dear Chairman Estes and members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee:

My name is Megan Jones and I am a third-generation Kansan and alumna of the University of Kansas. I stand in support of HB 2145 because it will keep guns out of the hands of convicted domestic abusers. Abused women are 5 times more likely to be killed by their abuser if their abuser has a gun.¹ Every year, more than 900 people are murdered by their intimate or formerly intimate partners with a gun. 85% of those killed are women.² In states that have required convicted domestic abusers to surrender their guns, the intimate partner homicide rates dropped by 14%. In the states that have passed laws similar to HB 2145 which have prohibited gun possession for convicted domestic abusers, the intimate partner homicide rate dropped by 9.7%.³

Please support HB 2145 to help save lives.

Thank you,
Megan Jones

¹ <http://lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/who-can-have-a-gun/domestic-violence-firearms/>

² <http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-gun-violence-women-20170919-story.html>

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