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Hello my name is Corey Sande. I'm a registered Democrat and also an advocate for 2nd amendment rights. Some people think those two things contradict each other but in my case it does not. Like everybody I want safer schools, safer public, and just generally be safer. News stories and some stats would suggest we have a safer society without guns. My college education in history would tell me our past paints a contradictory story. Many instances throughout history have proven unarmed societies have large percentage of populations wiped out by people with more weapons. This is not even ancient history. In most wars every war since the dawn of civilization has led to massive casualties. This is as recent as Ukraine being invaded! Many historians including myself believe the entire reason the US wasn't invaded in WW2 because every citizen has a gun! We sometimes get complacent and think we are safe in a modern world. But it would be very ignorant to think history can't repeat itself. Armed citizens is the most basic form of the social contract. Violence never has to erupt if there's a chance it can erupt! It has been well proven a "well armed" society has also been the least war torn. The last time the US mainland was truly invaded with a major military offensive from a foreign country was the war of 1812. Let's not forget this war a little more than 200 years ago! Statistics suggest we might have a safer society if we limit guns and hopefully limit criminals' abilities to commit crimes. History would suggest without guns we may suffer mass populations from our country without them.

This is a testimony and supposed to be about how HB4145 affects my life, effective my rights and affects my safety. Dwindling away at second amendment rights chips away at both my rights and my safety as I suggested in the previous paragraph. We could argue 20 years of stats suggest otherwise, but I have 8000 years of history that paint a very clear and still relevant picture. I'm concerned this is going to be a long, difficult, and expensive path that ultimately ends up on the lap of the supreme court who shoot it down. Worse yet I do believe there are much better ways to make the public safer. When a shooting happens it always becomes an immediate political discussion and it's never about what can really keep the public safer. We have yet to tap into technologies or even AI that keeps us safer. In almost all mass shootings there are warning signs that are largely ignored because there is no collaborative effort to put clues together. With a technology based AI system it would be pretty easy to recognize some of the warning signs of a shooter where someone can at least have a conversation with a potential future shooter. Worldwide we have explored civilian defensive drone systems. Finally I believe we need to stop immortalizing mass murders and make them look like heroes that give the next shooter ideas. If we are talking about safety and where money is spent this needs to

enter the conversation before anything else.

Thanks you for your time.