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This Gun Law, as now written, dangerously compromises public safety.

Because major universities have become Industrial Research Facilities, there are hundreds of labs across Kansas with explosive materials like those found in my lab, including: nitromethane, methanol, butane, propane, acetylene, rocket fuel, jet fuel and lithium thionyl chloride. Some universities store even more dangerous materials like tens of thousands of gallons of poisonous, carcinogenic flammables right in the middle of campus. The Hollywood-induced delusion that a shootout between “good guys” and “bad guys” will protect students is crazy. A gunshot through a flammables cabinet or jar could cascade to a mini-Bhopal like kill zone.

Even more troubling is that the current Gun law could make Kansas a Mecca for Terrorism. Of the 65 Municipal Airports in Kansas, less than a dozen have adequate security measures either in place or are even planned because the law is a completely unfunded mandate. This means that armed, convicted felons, domestic and foreign terrorists could legally walk onto flightlines, stroll into hangars, board aircraft and take off.

This committee Must hold closed-door public safety-related hearings before voting. Because this law is also threatening our National Security, the FBI, DoD, FAA, Homeland Security, and Chiefs of Public Safety from surrounding states need to know how the lives of Americans are being endangered. Even with that said, I still hope that this body will just do the right thing and modify the law instead of enabling criminals and terrorists.