

Testimony on HB 51

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In the game of wack-a-constituent, it is important to note the following:

1. Under the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause, federal laws are "the supreme law of the land" and any state that conflicts with federal law is null and void. From the earliest days of the republic, the U.S. Supreme Court has uniformly rejected state laws that conflict with federal law.
2. On March 3, 2023, a federal judge in Kansas City struck down the Second Amendment Preservation Act, Missouri's nullification statute, ruling that it is unconstitutional.
3. This is a dangerous bill that would undermine the rule of law and send a false message to criminals that federal gun laws will not be enforced.
4. This bill subjects law enforcement agencies to expensive legal fees, future employment barriers and other potential costs.