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believes that the risks of allowing people to carry concealed weapons outweigh the benefits, it ought to have that right. Communities in Nebraska, including Lincoln, already boast some of the lowest crime rates in the nation. There's no reason to mess with the status quo.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. Now it's time for District 9 to have a piece of this, and yes, District 9 is in Omaha. Senator Loudon, I have the greatest of respect for you, sir, and you have given me good information and good advice sometimes, as well. But I want to reassure you that Omaha is not a vigilante committee, a vigilante community, where people are sitting around with their arms in their laps waiting for the next person to come down the block and take an aim at them. We did a survey a few months back. One of the questions that we asked was, how do you feel about the issue of concealed carry? Does District 9 support concealed carry? Eighty-one percent of the individuals living in District 9 said absolutely not. We do not support this issue, and we want you to work against this. Now to give you an idea of where District 9 is, picture UNO on the west side of District 9, and this district extends to 24th Street in Omaha. I like to think of it as kind of the heart of Omaha, although Omaha continues to move west. This is a very diverse area. We have two universities, two medical centers, but we also have struggling working families, people that are making ends meet, living in apartments. We have a good mixture of classes and societies, and I think District 9 truly is the best district in our state, if I could express that bias. These are people who care about one another, who help one another. Your car gets stuck in the snow, somebody will come out and help you dig it out. We don't need more weapons. We don't need more guns available to impetuous adolescents who are going to go out and wave it around and try to act big. We don't need weapons. Violence begets violence. We're a culture who's trying to work toward more peaceable solutions. District 9 does not support concealed carry. District 9 does not support this bill. I'd like to offer the remainder of my time to Senator Chambers, if he would like to have it.