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Thank you for accepting my testimony and for keeping an open mind to the opinions of the citizenry of our great state. My name is Chad Childs and I am a voter in Sedgwick County, outside of Goddard. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

This bill is redundant with current State law and a waste of your valuable time. Kansas already requires proof of legal status to obtain a DL/ID, and undocumented individuals are not eligible. This bill does not prevent voter fraud—it targets immigrant families. This appears to be an attempt to bring back Documentary Proof of Citizenship to Kansas, which was struck down by the courts as unconstitutional because it disenfranchised over 30,000 Kansans voters. Changing voting laws to make it more complicated for eligible Kansans to cast their ballot is a method of the government to silence voters through legislated racism. Kansas elections are secure. I am proud of people who work at our election polling sites and know very well the high level of training and support they receive to fulfill their duties. These individuals care more about an individual's right to vote than it seems our elected officials do. Claims of widespread voter fraud by non-citizens are unfounded. It has been proven that non-citizens are NOT voting en masse and lies about these votes influencing our election outcomes have spread hatred amongst Americans and Kansans. In recent history, this rhetoric has been used as justification for political violence against Kansans of color. HB 2448 will be used to deny people their rights and I do not believe the spin proponents are making to advocate for this busy-work bill. Those supporting HB 2448 either don't believe in Kansans right to vote, or they desire to suppress and limit voting rights as they care more about holding on to power and silencing others. It is very difficult to obtain citizenship in our country and state. Please spend your time and our money in enhancing processes that support current laws by making them easier to follow. Please stop wasting our tax-dollars for political statements reflecting discrimination and hatred.

Thank you for hearing and listening to my position. I hope your conscience carries your decision as you REPRESENT ALL KANSANS and not just the wealthy or racist ones.