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Good day to you Chair Proctor and committee members. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony today in opposition to HB 2448. My name is Jonathan Smith, a voter in Shawnee County, and I believe that this is an unnecessary and costly law requiring the re-issuance of every driver's license in the state to achieve what is already currently the case in Kansas. Please vote No on HB 2448.

One must ask themselves what 'problem' this law is solving or fixing. A rational person would see the new requirement in HB 2448 to add citizenship to a driver's license and assume that somehow undocumented residents in the State of Kansas are voting in elections in such numbers that it's a problem, but multiple reports and county canvasses that are weighed against the already scrutinous registration process have revealed no such problem to exist.

So, if there are no findings of widespread voter fraud, or even undocumented residents voting in elections, then what are we doing here? This bill, put forward by Representative Pat Proctor would imply that he knows something that us citizens, and published news sources, don't.

So unless Pat has some documented evidence of enough fraud that would require our entire state to print new driver's licenses for the 2,000,000+ registered voters in Kansas, then this bill is just as silly as the implication.

<https://www.sos.ks.gov/elections/voter-registration-statistics.html>

Where are we going to get the money to pay for 2,000,000 new driver's licenses? And this bill is being passed through the Elections Committee, and yet it's about driver's licenses, with no references to voting, elections, polls, voter rolls, nothing. Why is this here? Are we going to pass subsequent legislation that then require voters to have these new licenses to vote before the midterms?

This bill raises far too many questions, most of which being, "why?", "How?", or "Then what?" Why do we need this? How will it be used? Then what happens? So, without any proper justification for its existence, I must insist that you vote no on the borderline purposeless HB 2448. I understand the political will or want to be able to identify undocumented citizens easier, simpler, or faster, but the implications behind passing this in the Elections Committee is far too worrisome to encourage such partisan antics.

Vote no on HB 2448, and I thank you committee members for your time.