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Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, thank you so much for giving me time to share my thoughts on HB 2448 with you today. My name is Emily Bartlett and I am a voter in Merriam Kansas. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448"

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Politicians are once again attempting to rig the system in their favor. This is the first of a three step plan 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. They want to change voting rules and make it more complicated for eligible Kansans to cast their ballot.

Kansas elections are secure. Claims of widespread voter fraud by non-citizens are unfounded in reality. The debunked conspiracy that non-citizens are voting en masse and those votes are influencing our election outcomes have spread hatred amongst our people. In recent history, this rhetoric has been used as justification for political violence against Kansans of color. These politicians just want to make it more complicated and challenging for Kansans to vote. They are more concerned about protecting their power than making Kansas elections more secure.

This will be used to deny people their rights, plain and simple. This legislation has no process outlined for how often this information will be updated or take into consideration how the state government updates in immigration status or when a current citizen is able to submit their documentation to prove their status. This will inevitably result in citizens being unjustly denied their right to vote.

Once again, I thank you all for hearing my story and thoughts on this bill, and I encourage you all to vote no of the passage of HB 2448. Thank you."