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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 Lorene Damewood and I am a voter in Johnson County-Shawnee.

I oppose this bill because it requires every person to submit proof of citizenship in order to vote. This requirement was declared unconstitutional in 2018. I attended some days of that trial and was appalled at the tactics used by Mr. Kobach to try to prove his case, which he lost, was sanctioned for his lack of knowledge/preparedness, and cost the State of Kansas nearly two million dollars in legal fees paid to the ACLU.

It was wrong back then and is still just as wrong. Why are you trying to again pursue a dead and illegal action. Some 35,000 voters were turned away then and more will now be denied the right to vote, which needs to be encouraged, not forbidden and/or discouraged. Our democracy requires action and input from every citizen.

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