

January 29, 2026 meeting

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Chair Proctor and committee,

I urge you to oppose HB 2448 and HCR 5021, measures which aim to put unnecessary barriers to voting. Similar measures in 2018 would have disenfranchised over 35,000 voter from being able to cast their ballots. Voting is our right as well as our civic duty. We must make sure every eligible voter has access to voting without barriers. These bills would restrict what kind of photo ID could be used at the polls. This would affect all voters across party lines.

From my training as a pollworker, I know that Kansas elections are already safe and secure with results that are certified. Eligible voters should be given every opportunity to cast their ballots! Our democracy functions best when the peoples' voices are heard.

Again, I ask you to oppose HB 2448 and HCR 5021.

Nina Fricke
Overland Park

HB 2448 Opponent

Dear House Elections Committee,

I urge you to reject HB 2448 and any other measures that would distinguish citizens' driver's licenses from licenses issued to non-citizens. While there may be several reasons for showing citizenship status in a driver's license, the fact that the bill is in this committee suggests to me that the intent is to have an impact on voting. Citizenship notation on a license changes the status of that document from proof of permission to operate a motor vehicle on Kansas streets and highways to a document that can be used to discriminate between residents. If this requirement -- whether in HB 2448 or in another measure -- were to become law in tandem with HB 2438, which was recommended favorably to the House by this committee, the Kansas Department of Revenue could effectively become the only entity through which Kansans could register to vote online because only the Department of Revenue would have ready access to citizenship information in its driver's license data. Such an outcome would create additional barriers to voter registration and the ballot box for many young Kansans who do not drive and who prefer to conduct business -- including registering to vote -- online. The existence of citizenship information on a driver's license also raises the possibility that persons applying to be registered voters will be required to provide their driver's licenses at the time of application as well as at the time of voting. That would raise the barrier for convenient off-line registration at community events, schools, churches, and other venues. I urge this committee to actively lower rather than raise barriers to voter participation by rejecting both HB 2448 and HB 2438, which again resides in this committee.

Kansas has been down the road of requiring documentary proof of citizenship and was unable to successfully defend that requirement in court. If HB 2448 becomes law, a driver's license presented at the time of registration becomes proof of citizenship. While the bill on its face may seem innocent, it appears to be just one piece of an effort to reestablish barriers to registration and voting initially imposed in the the 2011 *Kansas Secure and Fair Elections Act*. That act was found to create significant obstacle to eligible voters' registration in *Fish v. Kobach* (No. 16-3147 (10th Cir. 2016)) and therefore to be unconstitutional.

This proposed change to Kansas drivers' licenses is not needed. It would not make our drivers or our roads safer or more secure. It could create a barrier to voting.

I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2448 and any similar provisions in other bills.

Thank you for your time, attention, and service to Kansans,

Mary Galligan
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Monique Garcia
Private Citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, thank you very much for the opportunity to submit written testimony on HB 2448. My name is Monique Garcia and I am submitting this testimony as a private citizen. I am a voter in Wichita and a longtime community volunteer dedicated to civic engagement and maintaining the health of our democracy. I respectfully urge you to vote NO on HB 2448.

I strongly oppose this bill based on my personal experience with voter engagement and my family's deep history of civic participation and military service in this country. As a member of the League of Women Voters – Wichita chapter, I have spent years assisting with nonpartisan voter education and engagement efforts. In all of that work, I have never encountered evidence of widespread voter fraud. The narrative that non-citizens are voting in large numbers is simply not supported by reality.

My opposition is also rooted in my family's history. Both of my grandfathers were the sons of immigrants from Mexico and proudly served in the United States Army during World War II. My paternal grandfather, Phillip Garcia, and my maternal grandfather, Ralph Lopez, fought bravely for this country as U.S. citizens. After returning home from the war, my Grandpa Ralph made it a point to dress in a suit and tie every time he went to vote. When asked why he went through the trouble, my Grandpa Ralph would say that he had seen fellow soldiers die in combat and that voting was a privilege, an honor, and a responsibility he did not take lightly.

That lesson has stayed with me my entire life.

HB 2448 undermines that legacy by advancing inaccurate and harmful narratives about immigrants and voter fraud. It would create fear, confusion, and unequal treatment by marking people's identification with citizenship status, without clear safeguards or processes for updates. This approach risks denying eligible citizens their rights and further erodes trust in our democratic systems.

At a time when many working immigrant families already live with fear and uncertainty, this bill adds stigma and division rather than strengthening election security. Immigrants most certainly contribute to Kansas's workforce and economy while remaining ineligible for many public benefits. In many cases, immigrants pay into systems they will never benefit from. Kansas elections are secure. Policies like this do not protect democracy — they weaken it.

Thanks again for considering my written testimony! Please vote NO on HB 2448.

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Irma Faudoa, Executive Director

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

We write to respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 2448, which would require Kansas driver's licenses and state identification cards to visibly indicate citizenship status. While the intent may be framed as an election-integrity measure, the practical effect of this bill would be to create unnecessary risk, discrimination, and government overreach—without addressing a documented problem in Kansas.

Kansas already has one of the strongest driver's license verification systems in the country. Proof of lawful presence is required to obtain a Kansas driver's license or state ID, and undocumented individuals are not eligible. This existing process already ensures that licenses are issued only to those who meet federal and state legal requirements. HB 2448 does not close a loophole or correct a failure in the system—it duplicates requirements that are already in place.

This risk is especially high in rural Kansas, where driving is necessary and a driver's license is often the only accepted ID. Fear over identification can cause people to avoid driving or essential services, which undermines public safety. Policies that reduce trust between residents and law enforcement lead to less cooperation and fewer reported crimes. Public safety relies on trust, not fear.

HB 2448 also presents significant issues regarding racial and ethnic profiling. Because citizenship status can't be determined just by appearance, indicating it on identification opens the door to arbitrary enforcement and unequal treatment. As a result, Kansas and its local governments could face civil rights lawsuits and expensive legal disputes, which would impose needless costs on taxpayers. Kansas has long valued individual liberty, personal responsibility, and community trust. HB 2448 moves us away from those principles by embedding status-based distinctions into a document meant to enable daily life—not restrict it.

We urge you to reject HB 2448 and support policies that strengthen election security, public safety, and community well-being without causing harm.

Respectfully,

Geovannie Gone, LMAC, MS
Chair of the Kansas Hispanic Latino American Affairs Commission

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Jenna Gorton
PRIVATE CITIZEN
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Thank you committee members. I am Jenna and I am opposed to HB 2448. I am a voter in Shawnee County.

I oppose this bill for a few reasons. The first one is that I don't want to be assumed to not be a citizen if I don't get a new ID immediately. I'm very busy and I don't want one more thing I have to go do.

Another reason I'm not pleased is because this isn't even a useful tool for immigration enforcement. Determining someone's citizenship status doesn't determine someone's legal status in this country. Many people who are not citizens are legally here as temporary or permanent residents on employment visas, education visas, asylum, DACA, etc. Indicating citizenship on IDs just seems like you're manufacturing consent to arrest or interrogate anyone who doesn't have this updated ID.

I hate these big government regulatory hurdles that everyone has to take action to implement. Doing this right before an election too? Come on guys.

Thank you for your time. I encourage you to vote no on HB 2448.

Marisa Guerrero
PRIVATE CITIZEN
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

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 Marisa Guerrero and I am a voter in Johnson County in Lenexa. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448

We all know that this bill will inherently make it more difficult for individuals to vote. Even US citizens like myself have problems getting proper paperwork to get a passport, because it's seemingly "not enough proof" that I was born here. This happened when I got my driver's license at the DMV and again when I applied for a passport. I applied for it as a college student 6 months before a trip to Barcelona with my school, I got my passport 2 days before due to red tape from the US government. How do you expect people with disabilities to make it out to get "proper ID" in order to vote? Its a racist bill aimed at targeting individuals the state deems as unworthy of exercising the right to vote.

This bill will make it more difficult for voters on both sides of the aisle, and can cost both democrats and Republicans crucial votes. So Proctor will shoot his own party in the foot if passed. This simple act of "labeling" is unconstitutional, an act of voter suppression, and rooted in racism. There is no argument. Point blank period. Kansas deserves better than to feel bothered in their own state.

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

Liz Hamor
PRIVATE CITIZEN
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts on HB 2448. My name is Liz Hamor, and I am an active voter in Goddard. I am writing to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

This bill is yet another example of a solution for a problem that doesn't really exist. As such, it's a waste of legislators' time and taxpayers' money.

Our elections are already secure. Documentary Proof of Citizenship in Kansas was already previously struck down by the courts as unconstitutional because it disenfranchised over 30,000 Kansas voters.

Please do not spend your time and our money making it more complicated for eligible Kansans to cast their ballot.

Thanks for hearing my thoughts on this bill, and I encourage you again to vote NO on HB 2448.

Lisa Hamrick
Private citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

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 Lisa Hamrick and I am a voter in Wyandotte County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

Kansas elections are secure, and claims of widespread voter fraud by non-citizens are simply unfounded. The conspiracy theory that non-citizens are voting en masse and influencing election outcomes has been thoroughly debunked, yet it continues to spread division and hatred among our communities. In recent history, this rhetoric has even been used to justify political violence against Kansans of color.

This legislation is not about protecting the integrity of our elections—it is about making it more complicated and challenging for Kansans to exercise their right to vote. The bill outlines no clear process for updating information, fails to account for changes in immigration status managed by the state, and provides no mechanism for citizens to submit documentation to verify their eligibility. As a result, eligible Kansans will inevitably be unjustly denied their fundamental 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.

Patricia Harrigan
Private Citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts on HB 2448. My name is Patricia Harrigan and I am a voter in Johnson County in Prairie Village, Kansas. I am writin today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

HB 2448 is an attempt to bring back Documentary Proof of Citizenship. Documentary Proof of Citizenship was declared unconstitutional in a federal court in 2018 after more than 30,000 voter applications were suspended or cancelled. These 30,000 applicants were denied their right to vote. Some politicians are attempting to rig the system and make it more complicated for all eligible voters—Republican, Democratic, or Independent—to vote.

Kansas elections are secure. The theory that massive numbers of non-citizens are voting fraudulently in Kansas elections is untrue. These theories have been disproven in national studies (<https://www.npr.org/2025/07/30/nx-s1-5462836/noncitizen-voting-trump-ceir-review>) and lawsuits (Fish v. Kobach, now known as Fish v. Schwab).

Requiring citizenship status on driver's licenses will be used to deny people their voting rights. This legislation does not take into consideration how the state government would update immigration status or when a current citizen is able to submit their documentation to prove their status. It also has no process for how often this information will be updated. Besides denying voting rights, identifying non-citizens could be used as justification for denying other rights.

Again, thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts on this bill. I encourage you to vote NO of the passage of HB 2448. Thank you.

Allison Hougland
Private Citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Chair Procter and Members of the Committee, thank you so much for allowing me to share my thoughts on HB 2448. My name is Allison Hougland and I am a voter in Johnson County, Olathe to be exact. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

As a previous member of this committee, we heard from the Secretary of States Office on many occasions about the security of elections in the state of Kansas. There was not substantial evidence of voter fraud. It was stated several times addressing several different bills that were presented to the Committee. I don't want to disenfranchise voters, which I believe this bill would do. We should be doing everything possible to get MORE people to vote - not fewer.

Thank you for allowing my testimony. I assure you it IS coming from an actual Kansan. I want to reiterate - please vote NO on HB 2448. Thank you.

Rija Khan
Private Citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

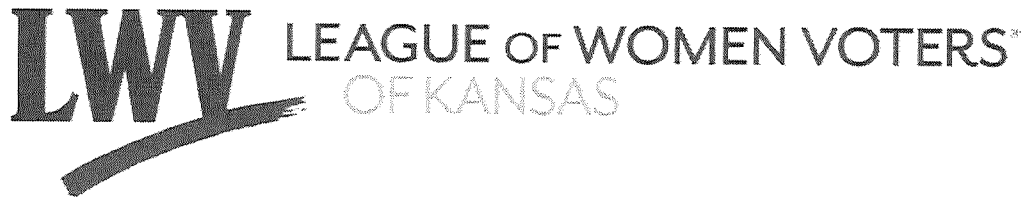
Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, I write to you expressing view on HB 2448. My name is Rija and I am a voter in JOCO County/Olathe. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

There have already been thousands of taxpayer dollars spent updating Kansas-issued IDs. Adding citizenship status to driver's licenses only increases that cost. I don't want to pay higher taxes so the state can redesign IDs, and then pay again out of my own pocket to replace my license.

The purpose of adding citizenship status is to "protect our elections." But not everyone has a driver's license. Many voters use other forms of identification that don't include citizenship status, which makes this change ineffective for the goal you've stated.

If the real priority is election security, the focus should be on making the voting process simpler and more accessible, not more confusing or expensive. We already have a voter registration system in place that verifies eligibility before anyone receives a ballot. If there is a belief that ineligible individuals are being registered or voting, then the appropriate response is to investigate the Secretary of State's office, which oversees that process. And if evidence of wrongdoing exists, then we address it directly and fix the actual problem.

I thank you all for hearing my thoughts on this bill, and I encourage you all to vote NO of the passage of HB 2448.



Date of Testimony: Thursday, January 29, 2026

Bill Number: **HB 2448** — Requiring citizenship status be listed on driver's licenses.

Disposition: Opposition, Written only Testimony

From: Cille King, Advocacy Chair; League of Women Voters Kansas

To: Chair Representative Proctor and Members of the House Committee on Elections

The League of Women Voters of Kansas opposes HB 2448, which would require citizenship status on all Kansas driver's licenses.

Currently, for all new and replacement Kansas driver's licenses; drivers are required to show proof of citizenship or legal status.

This bill would add an additional display of citizenship status on all driver's and ID cards. Those who are **non-citizens** but are lawful permanent residents; visa holders, refugees and other **non-citizen** with lawful presence would be **subject to bias, profiling, or other negative treatment** during interactions, causing concerns about privacy and stigma. We feel this bill sets a dangerous precedent, particularly for **non-citizens**.

However, after **citizens** go through the process of presenting their original proof-of-citizenship documents, many are surprised and disappointed to learn that their "**Real ID**" IS NOT a proof-of-citizenship document – because there is no differentiation on a **Real ID** between a citizen and non-citizen.

Many **citizens** have difficulty with continually proving citizenship; those who have changed their name or who have difficulty keeping a birth certificate or naturalization document.

We propose that Kansas **offer enhanced driver's licenses (EDL)** to serve as proof of identity and U.S. Citizenship. Five northern states currently offer these licenses which meet the security standards of the REAL ID Act, including U.S. citizenship status, are marked by the word "Enhanced", and can have a yellow REAL-ID star at the upper corner. They can be used in place of a U.S. Passport to cross a U.S. Border and are recognized by Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. The EDLs have a chip in them which provides only a number that links to information proving U.S. Citizenship. No personal information is included.

We ask that you **amend HB 2448**, remove the citizenship status requirement, and replace it with the option for an enhanced driver's license for those Kansas citizens who desire a less expensive, but more accessible document.

HB 2448

PROPONENT TESTIMONY - WRITTEN

HOUSE ELECTIONS

Missy Leavitt

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Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

As a Kansas citizen and active advocate for election security and the integrity of our electoral processes, I stand in support of HB 2448.

I appreciate this bill as it is a simple change that will provide a very front-facing addition to proper identification matters such as citizenship. I also believe that it will be helpful for our voting process for both election administrators and voters alike. Clarification, which can be easily added, will protect against misunderstandings on the issue of citizenship.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony here today.

Best Regards,

Missy Leavitt

Rosalyn Lucas
Private Citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

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 Rosalyn Lucas and I am a voter in Douglas County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote ****NO**** on HB 2448.

HB 2448 does not benefit Kansans, it will only create more obstacles for hardworking constituents when they go to vote in the polls. Kansas citizens have already proved their citizenship multiple times. First to obtain a Kansas driver's license you have to provide documentation of your citizenship (i.e. a Social Security number, an unexpired U.S. passport, certificate of citizenship, birth certificate or certificate of naturalization) which is then visually represented on your license with a yellow star. In addition to this state requirement, American citizens are also required by Congress to get a REAL ID compliant license. People with existing licenses had to get them replaced by May of 2025 and citizens were yet again required to show proof of citizenship to receive this Real ID compliant license. I think about my elderly parents who have always been diligent about participating in local and national elections. In the lead up to the REAL ID deadline they struggled to get their new driver licenses in time and it was a cause of great stress for them. A majority of people in this state do not have the time to spend precious hours of their day in the DMV. Nor do these hardworking people want to pay more money to replace an ID that should already provide all the verification necessary to vote. Despite publicized claims, research shows that noncitizen voter fraud is extremely rare. When The Washington Post examined The Heritage Foundation's database that was compiled to support claims about the threat of noncitizen voters, there were only 85 cases between 2002 and 2023. The American Immigration Council further analyzed the database and found that most of the noncitizen votes were by legal immigrants who had been incorrectly told they could vote. The tools to prevent noncitizens from voting are already in place, the likelihood of this preventing noncitizens from voting is low but the likelihood of this bill affecting Kansas citizens is extremely high.

I encourage you all to vote no on HB 2448. Thank you so much for your time.

Daniel Macias
PRIVATE CITIZEN
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

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 Daniel Macias, and I am a voter in Sedgwick County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448

This bill includes no process for citizens to comply. This will lead to confusion and errors for citizens and government employees alike. These errors will not be trivial. This bill will disrupt assistance applications for low income families and Medicaid recipients. This bill will cause delays for employers. This bill disenfranchise eligible voters. This bill will lead to intrusive arrests by law enforcement (either because of mistaken identity or misunderstanding about a person's status). All of this is unnecessary.

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

Mariah Magaña
Private Citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Thank you Members of the Committee for allowing me to submit testimony over HB 2448. My name is Mariah Magaña and I am a voter in Finney County. I am writing to urge you to vote NO on Hb 2448.

Requiring all Kansas issued driver's licenses to display citizenship status denies people their rights and creates serious barriers for both non citizens and citizens who do not have the required paperwork readily available. This legislation does not outline a clear process for updating information, accounting for changes in immigration status, or allowing current citizens to submit documentation to correct or verify their status. As written, it creates confusion and exclusion and risks denying eligible citizens their fundamental right to vote. Kansas elections should be accessible to all eligible citizens regardless of paperwork issues, bureaucratic delays, or immigration history.

Thank you for allowing me to share and I encourage all of you to vote no on HB 2448.

Melanie Magana
PRIVATE CITIZEN
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

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 Melanie Magana and I am a voter in Olathe. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448"

Rather than make it simple for Kansans to register to vote, politicians want to make it more complicated by banning secure online tools that help citizens register to vote and participate in our state's elections.

Instead of doing their job to make it easier to participate in our democracy, politicians are trying to rig the system in their favor. They want to change voter registration rules right before an election. This silences voters and makes voting tougher for everyone.

When elected leaders failed to make an online voter registration tool that works for regular people, civic leaders stepped up and built ksvotes.org. Now, they want to ban it. Ksvotes.org is a safe and secure online tool for voter registration. It has been used securely for almost a decade and helped countless Kansans register 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.

Joy Mapes
Private citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joy Mapes. I am licensed master social worker, and I have lived in Kansas my entire life. I am a voter in Lawrence, Douglas County. I am writing today to urge the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

As a lifelong Kansan -- before you write me off as a liberal Lawrencian, please know that I grew up in Gardner and Leavenworth, got my BA from Baker University, got my MSW from Washburn University, and also lived in Merriam and Fort Scott -- I am well aware of the concerns repeated almost annually about voter fraud, particularly claims that non-citizens are voting in Kansas and national elections. I am very aware of these claims because they've been the propulsion behind current Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach's less-than-sterling political career. While these claims are Mr. Kobach's political bread and butter, they have been rebutted countless times.

Claims that non-citizens are voting in and "stealing" Kansas and national elections are untrue, debunked, and related to the "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory, a racist rallying point that claims non-Americans (really, people who aren't white) are taking over the United States through illegal immigration, voter fraud, and population growth. This unfounded, bigoted fear is the ideology behind HB 2448.

Now that we've discussed the racist lies underpinning this bill, let's look at practical concerns. Previous similar legislation in Kansas, particularly the Kansas Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act, cost the state and local governments millions of dollars in implementation costs and legal fees only to be found unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment and the National Voter Registration Act. The SAFE Act was a national and international embarrassment for Kansas, not only because the legislation was impractical and costly, but because it revealed the true intention and effect of the act: to disenfranchise voters.

Voter disenfranchisement occurred because so many Kansans who were legally allowed to vote did not have the resources, understand the complicated new rules, have the time off work, etc. to gather all the citizenship documents newly required for voter registration. The ultimate effect of the SAFE Act was not that non-citizens couldn't vote, but that over 30,000 Kansas who were legally eligible to vote were prevented from registering to vote and exercising their electoral right.

Now we're back to the same song, different verse. Proponents of this bill may say that it will work better this time because it involves driver's licenses. But there's still the same barrier of Kansans needing the information, money, and time to gather citizenship documents before they can get the citizenship status on their license so they can vote. There's still a very probable outcome that many Kansas voters will be disenfranchised, which of course will lead to lawsuits, legal costs, and Kansas in embarrassing news stories.

And this is all without mentioning that having “non-citizen” on their driver's license would make an individual, who could very likely be in the country legally on a visa, vulnerable to discrimination and racist attacks, especially considering the anti-immigrant rhetoric coming from the top of the government.

To summarize, HB 2448 is an attempt to continue a debunked, racist fear that non-citizens are voting, and the real results of allowing this bill to become law would be to disenfranchise voters, cost the state and localities millions of dollars in implementation and legal fees, and make already vulnerable people more vulnerable to anti-immigrant discrimination and violence. There's no win with this bill.

Thank you for hearing my thoughts. I urge you to vote NO on HB 2448.

Cassie Martin
PRIVATE CITIZEN
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

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 Cassie Martin and I am a voter in Leavenworth County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448

Chair Proctor - I write my testimony in opposition of this bill to you directly.

There are two places local to me where I can take care of drivers license related matters. The Leavenworth DL office on Cherokee St, or the Tonganoxie Annex on Laming Rd.

Have you considered the undue burden that you will place on our employees who will have to complete the administrative work of these changes?

You aim to waste the taxpayers time, and public services' time too.

I am a legal United States citizen. Born in a hospital in KCMO, and brought home to Tonganoxie, KS where I was raised.

I feel that this bill infringes upon my rights. I don't want or need a label that announces my citizenship on my license. I have a passport for that. Will I have to pay for a new license? My current one doesn't expire for 3 more years - what then?

When you suggest/sponsor legislation like this, it is wise to have the details hammered out. When I did debate in high school at Basehor, I would've been laughed out of the room for suggesting a policy with no implementation or enforcement plan.

Please vote no on this useless, ill-intentioned bill.

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.

Katie McElroy
PRIVATE CIRIZEN
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

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 Katie McElroy and I am a voter in Wichita. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448

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. It has already been judged unconstitutional. 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.

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.

Gretchen Meyer
Private Citizen
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, thank you for considering my thoughts on HB 2448. My name is Gretchen Meyer and I am a voter in Overland Park. I am writing today to ask you to vote NO on HB2448.

I oppose this bill because it has already been shown to be unlawful. The courts have already decided that previous bills that sought to do the same things as HB 2448 were unconstitutional. There is no reason why even one single Kansan should be denied the right to vote, and previous incarnations of this bill have prevented thousands of Kansans from legally participating in the democratic process. In spite of the many conspiracy theories that have circulated over the last fifteen years, there has never been any evidence of widespread voter fraud. This bill is not necessary to protect Kansans or our elections. It does not help anyone. It creates needless obstacles and takes time and money away from many other, much more important, issues.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration. I encourage all of you to vote NO on HB 2448. Thank you.

Katrina Morris
PRIVATE CITIZEN
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Chair Proctor and Committee Members, thank you so much for giving me time to share my thoughts on HB 2448. My name is Katrina Morris and I am a voter in Johnson County/Overland Park. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

There's no reason for a citizenship status marker on a driver's license, and making this change is a waste of taxpayer money in administrative cost. Our government should be protecting immigrants rather than putting into place needless administrative requirements that put them in greater harm's way of discrimination.

Thank you for voting against HB 2448 to protect immigrants, remembering that most of us US and KS citizens are immigrants ourselves.

Pempho Moyo
Thrive Allen County and Thrive Kansas, Policy Coordinator
HB 2448 Opponent
1/29/2026

Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to this bill. My name is Pempho Moyo and I am a Policy Coordinator for Thrive Allen County and Thrive Kansas. Thrive Allen County and Thrive Kansas' mission is to ensure that our rural communities have access to the resources they need to improve health outcomes, so that everyone in our communities can thrive. Those health outcomes are not just focused on their individual health but also the health of their community. A robust and healthy community is one that is active in the ongoing of their community including engaging in their civil responsibilities such as voting.

HB 2488 does not make our already secure elections more secure. Rather what HB 2488 does is disenfranchise thousands of Kansans, provides no clarity as to what will happen with other acceptable forms of IDs that Kansas use to verify their identity to vote, and above all else will be used to deny Kansans who should be able to vote the right to vote.

The premise of this bill is rooted in an unfounded conspiracy that adheres to the belief that elections in the United States are not only not secure but also readily have thousands of people across the country voting in the elections that are not citizens of the United States. Both the Brennan Center for Justice and the Brookings's Institute compiled studies detailing how secure our elections are given how rare instances of voter fraud is.

This bill also makes the assumption that clarifying the citizenship status or lack thereof will not have other consequences. Whether it will be the stigma associated with people being labeled as a "non-citizen", the confusion around what counts as a photo ID that would allow people to vote, the lack of clarity surrounding the entire process of getting a driver's license with the new title, the perplexity in trying to determine why a person would need their documentation status on their driver's license when they already have a RealID. By uplifting this bill as if it is a solution to a problem that does not exist, it plays the ground work to submit bills under the guise of solving a problem when in reality will disenfranchise Kansans.

Voting is a civic responsibility. It is the way that people have been able to voice their opinion. Voting is a civic responsibility that has been hard fought and should be exercised in a way that allows for people's voices to be heard. Voting is a civic responsibility that does not lend itself to wide swept voter fraud but rather a concrete declaration of what constituents support. Voting is a civic responsibility that cannot exist under the condition that the holder of the license has the right ever changing license on their person.

Once again, thank you for the ability to share my testimony, and I strongly and respectfully urge you to oppose this bill and vote no on the passage of HB 2448.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Enacting such a bill into law would put lives in danger and it is not necessary since Kansas ID system already verified information to make sure those receiving ID are legal residents.

I beg you all to vote no of passage of HB 2448 bill. Thank you all on this committee for your time and for upholding humanity.