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HB 2448 Opponent

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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 ongoings 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 Brooking'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 exists 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,

Pempho Moyo, Policy Coordinator, Thrive Allen County & Thrive Kansas