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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 Bev Baumgartner and I am a voter in Sedgwick County/Derby. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448"

Oppose this bill because it puts the parents and caregivers of local children in harm's way. I have personally experienced the heartbreaking stories of families in our community traumatized by immigration-motivated separations. When a parent is taken into custody on the basis of their country of origin, their beloved American children suffer. Such arrests (and the punitive measures that often accompany them) affect not only vulnerable children, but entire schools and communities. Please do not make this kind of profiling possible.

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