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Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, I want to thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on HB 2448 with you. My name is Jorge Salamanca, and I am a voter in Garden City (Finney County). I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2448.

As a former US resident (I became a citizen in 2009), I can speak firsthand of the difference in the feeling of being protected just as citizens would. Because, before the eyes of the law, It should not make a difference if you are simply a resident or a full citizen of the United States. If you drive responsibly, you earn the same respect from society. If you break the law while driving, you are subjected to the same degree of punishment, regardless of your status a resident of US citizen.

In terms of marking the separation between citizens and non-citizens, I believe that this designation on the driver's license would just generate fear and panic among drivers, even if they are legal residents, particularly when interacting with law enforcement. Although the argument can be made that this enactment will help reduce the possibility of voter fraud, several studies have already shown that in states such as Kansas, voter fraud is already very minimal with the current practices.

I want to thank you again for taking the time to read this correspondence and for your consideration of my concerns regarding passing HB 2448. I encourage you all to vote NO on the passage of this bill. Thank you.