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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 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.