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HB 2491 Opposition Testimony
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Dear Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee --

Thank you for the opportunity to share my position on HB 2491. My name is Jessica Carr, and I am a resident and voter in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

I believe HB 2491 burdens our Kansas state agencies with ever-increasing reporting requirements. Please do not add more and unnecessary reporting responsibilities to our already over-taxed public servants. This is not a good use of my tax dollars. I ask that you oppose HB 2491.

I also note the following:

Despite contributing financially to our society, undocumented individuals are ****not eligible**** for SNAP, non-emergency Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplemental Security Income for disability, ACA health coverage, or public education grants or subsidized loans.

I also note that immigrants, including undocumented immigrants, in the Wichita Metro Area paid \$423.3 M in taxes (\$177.2 M State and Local taxes, \$246.1 Federal taxes), had spending power of \$1.2 B, and “immigrants’ economic contributions far outweigh the cost of additional public services they incur”. 2023 Data, <https://map.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/city/wichita/>

I ask you to consider how bills such as HB 2491 end up targeting non-citizens in ways that promote conspiracy theories of wide-spread voter fraud and non-citizen use of public benefits. Such political discourse and actions are the harbingers of violence.

And I know that the Kansas Legislature would not want to target families with U.S. citizen children of undocumented immigrants. Such children are manifestly eligible for public benefits, and they and their families should not be hindered, shamed, or vilified for receiving such benefits.

I also ask that moving forward, all bills provide more than ½ page of bill language. I believe that insufficient background information and minimal and ambiguous bill language dishonors the democratic process and the dignity of the Legislature and all Kansas citizens.

Thank you very much. I appreciate your service and commitment to all Kansans, and I encourage you to vote No on HB 2491.