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Thank you members of the committee for allowing me to share testimony on HB 2491. I am writing today to urge to to oppose this legislation.

Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for most federal public benefits. Claims suggesting otherwise are nonsense. Immigrants as a whole use social programs at lower rates than U.S. citizens. This bill not only ignores those facts, it also disregards serious concerns about how this data will be collected and stored. Immigrant communities in Southwest Kansas already face barriers to basic services. Not only does this fuel fear but also discourages families from seeking help they are legally entitled to.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I seriously urge you to consider how this will impact Kansans and urge you to vote no on HB 2491 and focus on real issues Kansans care about. Thank you.