



# TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2491

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Chairman Proctor and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2491. My name is Madeline Malisa, and I am a visiting fellow at FGA Action. We are a non-profit advocacy organization that seeks to improve American lives through free enterprise, individual liberty, and a limited, accountable government.

This bill requires state agencies to report the names and addresses of non-citizens receiving publicly funded benefits to the Secretary of State on a quarterly basis. This simple and commonsense reform will help to ensure that all voters listed on the Kansas rolls are American citizens.

Kansas is a national leader on election integrity. The data sharing requirement in this bill builds on that track record by providing the Secretary of State with another voter roll maintenance tool. Last session, Kansas lawmakers enacted a quarterly non-citizen reporting requirement for the Division of Vehicles.<sup>1</sup> These reports must provide the Secretary of State with a list of names, addresses, expiration dates, and alien registration numbers of non-citizens who have been issued a driver's license during the previous quarter.<sup>2</sup>

Kansas is also now utilizing the updated federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system to identify non-citizens using data from federal agencies.<sup>3</sup> In 2025, President Trump signed an executive order making the SAVE system available to states for free.<sup>4</sup> The system provides state election officials with the most updated immigration and citizenship status of applicants for public benefits. HB 2491 will provide another safeguard with non-citizen data at the state level.

In 2025, Louisiana enacted a similar non-citizen data sharing reform that requires monthly reports from state agencies to their secretary of state for voter list maintenance purposes.<sup>5</sup>

Being an American citizen with the right to vote is a rich and special honor that deserves protection through commonsense reforms like this bill. I urge you to support it. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify today.

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<sup>1</sup> KS HB 2020 (2025).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Tim Carpenter, "President Trump praises Kansas secretary of state for help on voter registration crackdown," Kansas Reflector (2025), <https://www.kcur.org/politics-elections-and-government/2025-10-26/president-trump-kansas-secretary-of-state-scott-schwab>.

<sup>4</sup> President Trump, "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections," Executive Order (March 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/preserving-and-protecting-the-integrity-of-american-elections/>.

<sup>5</sup> LA HB 307 (2025).