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Submitted and Request for Public Comment in a timely manner- I look forward to providing a public comment.

## SCR1602

You should be ashamed of enabling intimidation of state and local officials, and its attack on our immigrant communities who are the economic driver to the profits of this state. Immigrants come to work, allowing you to enjoy the rich and diverse culture of the state. Businesses hire more workers and grow their profit margin. Immigrants do not take jobs from you, **IMMIGRANTS** create a higher demand for goods and services and thus create more jobs. Immigrants contribute approximately \$2.2 trillion annually to the U.S. economy, accounting for around 8 percent of the country's gross domestic product. That is larger than the whole Canadian economy.

SB1602 is a weapon to both state government workers elected and the most vulnerable in our communities. Kansas should strike this down, for the sake of Kansas economic prosperity that is attributed to immigrants, indigenous and people of color. Stop your rhetoric of further intimidation, hate, coercion and your continued harm, stop inflicting chaos on schools, hospitals, and other institutions that our communities rely on.

You should step down, such an embarrassment of uneducated legislators, this land as

As you should know , state and local agencies do not generally segregate their funding allocations for citizens versus noncitizens, let alone noncitizens without legal status versus all others.

Tens of thousands of state and local employees—social workers, police officers, teachers, bus drivers, nurses, mental health counselors, and more—stand to lose funding they rely on to do their jobs serving our communities, if this bill is enacted. Countless small businesses with contracts that serve those federal funding will be impacted..

Siding with the federal administration could freeze resources to the sunshine state, stop the violence of those that are indigenous to this land

—State and local agencies are not obligated to participate in unprecedented mass deportation drives. Kansas lacks the resources to meet the Trump administration bluff.

### ***An Attack on Constitutional Balance of Power***

This bill would undermine our constitutional balance of powers in two ways: Escalating federal intimidation of state and local governments; and more important **immigrants**.

The Kansas Legislature continues to cave and give in to the intimidation, including threatening state and local officials for not assisting with the federal deportation,

Instead you should be pursuing your own autonomy, under the 10th amendment of the Constitution state and local governments have authority over their own resources.

While this bill targets immigration, its passage would set the stage for the federal government to hold states and cities hostage.

The federal government cannot commandeer state and local government resources, and states and local governments have the right to refuse to help enforce federal regulatory programs. While the federal government may impose restrictions on federal resources to the states, its power is limited by the Constitution.

***As Chief Justice Roberts wrote in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, "Congress may use its spending power to create incentives for States to act in accordance with federal policies. But when 'pressure turns into compulsion,' the legislation runs contrary to our system of federalism."***

The 14th Amendment to the U.S. The Constitution guarantees citizenship to all people born or naturalized in the United States, and mandates that all states must provide "equal protection of the laws" to all persons within their jurisdiction.

Perhaps now more than ever, maintaining the separation of powers is vital to safeguarding the state of Kansas

**IN OPPOSITION OF THIS AWFUL BIGOTED RACIST LEGISLATION**

Beto Martinez