

2/5/2026 HB 2504 Opposed Merrill Sake Private Citizen

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for hearing my thoughts on HB 2504 today. My name is Merrill Sake and I am a voter residing in the 44th House district, 2nd Senate district, Lawrence, Douglas County KS. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2504.

The objective of HB 2504, protecting by law the discrimination of tenants by landlords based on the tenant's source of income, is harmful. In 2022, in immediate response to required notification to my landlord of me applying for rental assistance income, she chose to not renew my apartment lease. I attempted to address this source of income discrimination through landlord tenant mediation in which my landlord stated her reason for not renewing my lease was that she was forced to cease working as a landlord and cease renting her 4 units in order to care for a gravely ill family member. This was believed by the mediators and was false. My landlord proceeded to show her units to prospective tenants and never ceased renting them out. This discrimination based on my source of income followed by lying about it produced harmful housing insecurity and emotional stress in me.

The 32% of Kansans who are renters deserve basic respect and dignity of housing regardless of the source of their income. As legislatures please represent and work for these tenants by saying no to the statewide illegalization of the illegalization of source of income discrimination. Voting yes for HB 2504 serves maximizing the profit margins of landlords, corporate investors and their donor recipients at the expense of the unhousing of Kansans. Please vote NO on HB 2504.

Sincerely, Merrill Sake