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SB 254

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Chair Thompson and Members of the Committee. My name is Emily Wolfe. I am a voter and lifelong resident of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS. I am writing today to encourage the committee to protect educational opportunities for all Kansans and VOTE NO on SB 254.

Increasing students' access to U.S. higher education would result in reduced high school dropout rates, increased college enrollment, higher student achievement, and greater economic contributions. According to data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, enrollment of 18-year-old freshmen dropped by 5% in the fall semester of 2024. With college enrollment dropping at a concerning rate and cuts to federal education funding, we should be doing all we can to encourage students to pursue higher education and make it more accessible.

Thank you all for reading my testimony and thoughts on this bill. Again, I encourage you all to VOTE NO on the passage of SB 254 to protect educational opportunities for all Kansans.

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