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SB 446
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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee, thank you so much for giving me time to share my thoughts on SB 446 with you today. My name is Mel Marsh, I am a registered voter in Johnson County and would like to express my opposition to SB 446.

We all agree that national security is of the utmost importance, but we have to refrain from using national security as an excuse to limit rights and discriminate against immigrants who are here to work and become members of the community. Prohibition of allowing immigrants to purchase land must be very explicit and narrow. This bill is neither and is open to wide interpretation which could lead to unintended discrimination and be detrimental to both immigrants and the state. The Kansas farm economy will be harmed if we limit the opportunities for the immigrant workforce. We must be vigilant in protecting the rights of Kansans including the immigrant population.

Thank you for your time and I sincerely hope you will vote in opposition to SB446