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SB254 Proponent Written Only

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

I am submitting my proponent testimony for SB254.

I support this bill as I believe strongly that public benefits should only be reserved for citizens and legal residents. Kansas policies need to line up with immigration standards on the federal level. In that same vein, it is paramount that tuition benefits are also saved and provided only to U.S. citizens and legal residents. We, as taxpayers, have worked hard for many years to earn our livings, and we should have a say in the direction our public funds are spent.

If the legislature will enact all policies based upon removing incentives for illegals, that action will drive these people towards only legal entry into our country and state. As you know, Kansas has limited funds and those resources should only be used for their original intended purposes.

Please pass SB254, and I and many others with whom I have talked are trusting in the integrity of our elected officials to do the job for which they were elected – use our resources for citizens!

Respectfully,

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