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SB 254

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Chair Thompson and Members of the Committee, thank you so much for giving me time to share my thoughts on SB 254 with you today. My name is Alejandra Garcia and I am from Johnson County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to protect educational opportunities for all Kansans and vote no on SB 254.

I oppose bill SB 254 and I urge you to vote against it because it will have a negative impact in educational opportunities for all Kansans. I have first hand gotten to witness the positive impact of being able to achieve and afford a college degree due to being allowed to receive in state tuition, which would not have been possible without it. Undocumented individuals (including DACA recipients) do not qualify for any grants or public benefits to be able to afford to continue with their education after high school, and the current policy gives the opportunity to pay the full price of in state tuition which makes the dream of achieving a college degree more attainable. Undocumented individuals just want to be able to have the opportunity to better themselves and continue to further their education. Repealing in-state tuition will only cause harm to the state because talented young students will have an even more difficult time paying out of pocket to attend school and continue to gain crucial skills that they can bring back to their communities

Once again, I thank you all for hearing my story and thoughts on this bill, and I encourage you all to vote no of the passage of SB 254 to protect educational opportunities for all Kansans. Thank you.