To: Chairman Highland
To: Education Committee

From: Renee Slinkard, Proponent

Through the years many citizens and taxpayers of our great State of Kansas have come before committees to urge our Representatives to stop incentives for illegal aliens, and unfortunately it has been to no avail. We feel that these incentives only encourage illegal aliens to migrate to Kansas, and those that are here are encouraged to stay.

Providing subsidies to illegal aliens is a burden to citizens and legal residents. With in-state tuition for illegal aliens our young adults of legal residence applying to our Colleges and Universities may take a backseat in enrolling into a particular class, apply for a scholarship program or a grant.

In 2010, www.kansaswatchdog.com provided statistics that at least \$40 million in subsidies is spent each year in Kansas for illegal aliens. The majority of that cost goes to their education. Our Immigration and Naturalization Laws state that we should not harbor and assist illegal aliens. Why is that? By providing incentives only encourages illegal aliens to migrate and stay in our Country. Since our federal government is not enforcing our laws of the land, it is Kansas Legislators obligation to practice their 10th Amendment Sovereignty and pass laws that protect and benefit the legal residents of Kansas.

As a spokesperson for many Kansans who signed a petition to reverse in-state tuition for illegal aliens, we want all incentives for illegal aliens to be revoked. In voting "YES" on HB 2139, means an illegal alien will still be attending school, however they will **not be afforded in-state benefits** as a legal resident of Kansas, which means they will not be getting assistance and benefits that are only due Citizens of the State.

Committee members, I urge you to vote "YES" on HB 2139.

Respectfully submitted,

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