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TO: Kansas House Judiciary Committee

From: John W Anderson

RE: Sanctuary Cities

Good afternoon. My name is John Anderson and I live in Prairie Village. I would like to share some thoughts regarding Sanctuary Cities.

America was originally settled by immigrants, and for the most part, they were most welcome. One of my grand fathers came to the United States from Germany and the other from Sweden. They came here legally to seek a better life. They learned English, assimilated into our society and abided by our laws. In recent times, this tradition has been prostituted as hundreds of thousands, even millions of non-Americans from Syria and the mid-east to Latin America are fleeing their homelands and entering the United States illegally. Rather than enforcing our immigration laws, governments in some counties and cities, are disregarding them. And it doesn't stop there. The government is also suggesting that these law breakers be given taxpayer money for food, housing, medical care, education, etc. Next will come citizenship and then the right to vote, even though many do not even speak English. Ah, could one rightly surmise that giving illegals the power of the voting booth just might have something to do with elected officials catering to a specific voting block for their own political benefit? These immigrants are not "undocumented," they are "illegal." Unless our constitution, and Daniel Webster, have been edited, illegal is still defined as against the law.

As if this state of affairs isn't bad enough, some U.S. cities are declaring themselves as Sanctuary Cities, where immigrant law breakers are allowed to reside free from legal repercussions. What other types of law breakers will be next to receive these benefits? The idea of a Sanctuary City is maddening, incomprehensible and very scary. How do we know which of these illegals are here for their own destructive, political purposes? Do we have to witness the kidnapping, rape and/or murder of one of our friends or family members before we wake up? Do we want to see, for example, university students killed, our Capitol bombed or Ft. Riley attacked?

I can not understand the thinking of our political leadership even considering allowing a so called Sanctuary City to exist. It only takes one bad guy to cause the loss of a husband, a wife, a son, a daughter or a good friend. I beg you, in the name of God and all that is right, please don't take Kansas there.

Thank You!