

February 3rd, 2016

Judiciary Committee
Rep. John Barker, Chair
Kansas State Capitol
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: House Bill 2466

Chairman Barker and Honorable Committee,

My name is Lalo Muñoz. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to HB 2466. Our state government has many issues at hand but the issue of "sanctuary cities" is not one of them. In fact, sanctuary cities is not a legal term but a political one.

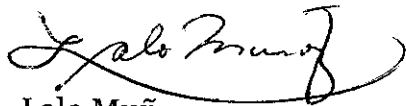
Our local law enforcement know best how to promote safety in our community. By choosing to limit their role in immigration enforcement, police are erring on the side of the Constitution, prioritizing public safety, and removing a pretext for racial profiling.

In addition, safety is enhanced through the policies that our local law enforcement chooses to enact. We are all safer when members of our community can report crimes to law enforcement. Law enforcement can do a better job of policing our community when that trust is built.

There is no doubt that we have immigration issues that need address. I believe that something individuals on both sides of the aisle can agree on. However, this issue must be address at the national level through Congress. State Legislatures and citizens such as myself, must continue to pressure Congress to act.

On a local level, we must resist the urge to legislate to our local government how they are run. As Kansans, we thrive on the ability for local government and their citizens to decide how best to tackle the tough issues at hand. I urge you to oppose HB 2466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lalo Muñoz", written in dark ink.

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