



KANSAS APPLESEED
Justice for all.

TESTIMONY OF BENET MAGNUSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
KANSAS APPLESEED CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE
BEFORE THE KANSAS SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 157

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

My name is Benet Magnuson; I am the executive director of the Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that advocates for systemic solutions for the problems facing vulnerable or disadvantaged Kansans.

Kansas Appleseed strongly opposes Senate Bill 157. Like Senate Bill 158, which Kansas Appleseed also opposes, Senate Bill 157 is a costly solution in search of a problem that simply does not exist in Kansas.

Kansas is facing big problems right now, but immigration is not one of them. As an organization focused on building up Kansas and strengthening justice for all, Kansas Appleseed works to keep our state a welcoming land of opportunity, where everyone receives equal protection of the law. Our state's elected leaders should be focused on solving our state's budget problems, and Senate Bill 157 would be a costly waste of law enforcement time and resources.

I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 157 in order to protect our state's law enforcement resources for the real problems facing our state's families.

Respectfully submitted,

Benet Magnuson
Executive Director
Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice