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Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to SB 157 & 158. There is number of things wrong with these two anti-immigration bills. First, it will make our communities unsafe in Kansas by being less secure and more divided. More people are not going to report crimes because they will feel scared of being deported. Also, the domestic violence victims who are undocumented will not feel comfortable to call the police to report abuse.

Second, there is nothing in the bills that prohibits racial profiling. In fact, I feel this would encourage racial profiling, especially toward the Latino and Native American populations. Third, businesses will not want to come to a state that has a reputation of making racial profiling legal. As a state, we want to encourage more people and businesses to move here and not create obstacles for them.

In conclusion, I stand in opposition to these two anti-immigration bills. It is not only bad policy for our state but it also undermines the role of local law enforcement. Thank you for your time and attention on this important issue.

Best,

Ponka-We Victors, District 103

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