

HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER: _____ 2717 _____

Support _____ Oppose Neutral _____

Testimony Will Be: In Person Oral Webex Oral _____ Written Only _____

For Meeting on _____ March 15th, 2022 _____ (Date)

Testimony By: _____ Rubi Perez vazquez _____
(Name of person testifying)

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My name is Rubi Perez Vazquez, I live in Kansas City, MO, but I am currently a sophomore at Donnelly College in Wyandotte County Kansas. I am also co-founder of Students for Social Justice, a student-led organization at Donnelly, and I am here today opposing house bill 2717. According to Donnelly's website, in 2016 there were over 33 different countries represented among the student body. That is at least 33 people who migrated to the state of Kansas. 33 people who live, eat, work, go to school, and have found community in Kansas. 33 people who are already living here, and who deserve to feel safe and welcomed. HB2717 will not only cause more mental health issues due to living in constant fear and anxiety of being deported within our immigrant communities, but it WILL cause even more public harm and violence. Immigrants already don't trust federal law. Therefore don't report crimes they witness or experience, and that isn't safe for anyone in our communities, not just immigrants. Everyone's safety is at stake if HB2717 is passed. Vote no on HB2717. Thank you for your time.