

RE: HB 2717

OPPOSE

Written only

Dear Chairman Olson and members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

My name is Andrew Davis. I live in Kansas City, Kansas and I have the pleasure of serving as the Eighth District Commissioner of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. I am opposed to HB 2717 for the following reasons:

- 1.) Kansas is a home rule state, and our local sovereignty should be respected.
- 2.) Some of the most vulnerable people in Kansas City, Kansas will benefit from the opposition of the bill. They include our homeless, formerly incarcerated, immigrant and elderly individuals, who, for one reason or another, do not have identification. A municipal ID would aid these individuals in getting local services such as a library card, school registration, and local city services from entities such as our Health Department.
- 3.) Not long ago a bipartisan group of legislatures stood with Ukrainian students in support of their sovereignty from Russia. I ask that the same compassion you exuded towards those individuals be expanded to the innumerable immigrants we have here in Kansas City, Kansas by opposing HB 2717.
- 4.) The ICE non-compliance provision for our law enforcement will build trust with undocumented communities who are often abused, forgotten, and taken advantage of due to fear that if they reported such crimes, they would be deported. Kansas City, Kansas is safer because of this.
- 5.) As a candidate I campaigned on Safe and Welcoming last summer and went door to door explaining the importance of this ordinance to my constituents. I also received countless calls and had multiple conversations with Kansas City, Kansas voters who asked that I cast my vote in favor of Safe & Welcoming when it was placed on the agenda. The majority of my constituents agree that this ordinance is needed to move Kansas City, Kansas forward and this is evidenced by my victory in last year's election.

To conclude, I want to reiterate my opposition to HB 2717 and I thank you for your time reading this letter.

Sincerely,

Andrew Davis

8th District Commissioner of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas