

Date: February 5, 2024
Bill number: SB 446
Disposition: Opponent
Name of Conferee: Xing Liu
Representing: Self

Chairman Thompson and the Members of the Committee,

I'm from China, and my name is Xing Liu. I am an international student living here with my Chinese husband, who spent over a decade studying and working in Kansas. As a Kansas opponent of Bill SB446, I am writing to ask you to reevaluate its implications.

Firstly, federal laws mandate freedom and equality, yet this bill makes us feel discriminated against as foreigners. As a foreign family in the process of applying for green cards and hoping to settle in the state of Kansas, this bill raises further concerns about the potential for discrimination against foreigners in the living environment of Kansas in the future.

Secondly, what attracted us to come to Kansas and intend to work and develop here for the long term is based on an inclusive and friendly development environment. The United States is a multicultural country, and inclusiveness is the premise of progress. The future impact of this bill, if enacted, will be harmful and unproductive. If restrictions are placed on home purchases, foreigners will reconsider whether to study and develop in this state, which will naturally lead to brain drain and may cause setbacks in urban development and housing oversupply.

Finally, controlling housing prices can be approached from various angles, including the formulation of relevant economic policies. However, this bill is undoubtedly a crude and unwise move. It will not only hurt the feelings of foreigners, provoke opposition, but also not be conducive to the development of the state.

I appreciate your time and thought, and I humbly ask that you oppose this bill in favor of measures that promote equality, inclusivity, and the state's economic well-being for all Kansans.

Sincerely,

Xing Liu