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Bill number: HB 2766
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Representing: Self

Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of Overland Park writing as an opponent to Bill HB 2766. Creating the Kansas land and military installation protection act to prohibit foreign principals from countries of concern from holding any interest in certain real property in this state. I'd like to share my thoughts on this matter.

1. People who come to the United States legally have made great contributions to this country historically. Immigrants bring different perspectives and cultural diversity to the community, they have made the US their home and their children become Americans for the generations to come. Prohibiting immigrants from investing in real estate properties could deter potential, aspiring young people from pursuing their dream of making a living in the US.
2. Constitutionally speaking, the US bill of rights protects not only the rights of immediate citizens, but the bill of rights uses terms like "people" or "person", which means amendments that protect rights for individuals to own property, rights under due process clause and equal protection, apply to both citizens and non-citizens. Therefore, the nature of HB 2766 is unconstitutional.

For the above two major reasons, I respectfully ask that the committee oppose HB 2766.

Thanks,
Wuchen Wang