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Bill number: SB-446  
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Representing: Self

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

I am a resident of Overland Park writing as an opponent to Bill SB-446. Prohibiting acquisitions of ownership interests in certain Kansas real property by foreign individuals and entities unless authorized by the state land council and establishing the state land council. 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 owning houses 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 SB-446 is unconstitutional.

For the above two major reasons, I respectfully ask that the committee oppose SB-446.

Thanks,  
Wuchen Wang