

Chairman Kevin Jones,

My name is Luis Estrada and I stand before you here today in strong opposition to House Bill 2643. This bill is another tactic being used to blatantly create another obstacle for these undocumented students. These young undocumented students are residents of Kansas that have graduated from a Kansas High School with a great goal to receive a degree. It is not fair to see them put in their hard work and effort into their studies only to then punish them with another political agenda. In-state tuition has been the one gesture of good faith this state has provided to our young undocumented students, students who have taken great pride in having the opportunity to attend schools in this state and have made Kansas their home. Amid all this chaos and uncertainty they have also become fearless as they strive to reach academic achievements that would clear a path to being innovative leaders, as well as set milestones for generations to come. That is why we should support higher education for these students and not cast them aside only because of their status.

I ask you to reject this bill HB 2643

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