

Dear Federal and State affairs committee members,

I, Anna Woelk, a lifelong resident of Kansas and current resident of Wyandotte County, am writing in opposition of HB 2717.

The enactment of HB 2717 would increase unreported crime within our state, adding to already existing fear of police by our immigrant community (documented and undocumented). As a case manager regularly supporting our newly arrived refugees arriving through the US refugee resettlement program, I have seen this existing fear lead to underreported domestic violence and community crimes. HB 2717 would further instill fear of our local and state law enforcement within our community and create a greater risk to all of us.

Please vote no on HB2717 and signal to all Kansans that they are welcomed, valued, and safe in our great state.

Thank you,

Anna Woelk
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