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Chairman Kevin Jones
Higher Education Budget Committee

RE: Testimony HB 2643

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and committee for the opportunity to speak here today.

I rise in strong opposition to this bill for multiple reasons.

The bill itself, HB 2643, is yet another attempt to demean our Kansas Dreamers and to strip away any opportunity for these young people. These young people are not aliens. They are Kansans. Kansas is their home; the only home most of them have ever known. They've grown up here, attended Kansas schools. And now, the proponents and carrier of this bill would take their futures from them.

Perhaps the ugliest part of this bill is the fact that its carrier and proponents would willingly pit child against child, Kansan against Kansan, as a means to attempt to deprive Dreamers of opportunity.

Mr. Chairman, I find this bill unconscionable. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Alcala". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.