

To: Chairman Jones and Committee on Higher Education Budget

Re: HB 2643

The fact that illegal aliens receive a discount for their children attending post secondary schools in Kansas is a crime in itself. This has been going on far too long with instituting in-state tuition for illegal aliens in Kansas since 2004. Four Hundred Million Dollars per year goes toward illegal alien spending in Kansas per 2010 Stats provided by Kansas Watchdog; of course, this amount I believe is higher now. If you totaled all the years we the taxpayers have been providing these subsidies to illegal aliens, it amounts to over 5 billion dollars. I have always been taught that you do not reward someone for committing a crime, whether it is a serious crime or a small one and you don't reward children for illegal acts that their parents committed. Kansas made a huge mistake by adopting the California Law to incentivize illegal aliens to migrate to Kansas. Children of illegal aliens can only blame their parents for the situation that they were brought into; it is not to blame America, it is not to blame the State of Kansas, and it is not to blame the Kansas Citizen. This is an issue for these children to take up with their parents, not the State. There is a process by which you legally come to the USA, and I say use it. You do not provide subsidies to illegal aliens. It is time that our legislators show the Kansas Citizen the proper respect for our country and laws. In voting "yes" on HB 2643 means that the non citizen post secondary students will pay out of state tuition and still receive an education.

The discounted funds that were appropriated toward illegal aliens should be directed toward eligible foster children to participate in the program that HB 2643 stipulates.

I urge you to vote "yes" to HB 2643.

To the Chairman and Committee, thank you for this opportunity to hear my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Illegal Immigration Figures in Kansas

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While illegal immigration has been a frequent subject of national debate, it's worth taking a look how each state is impacted individually by illegal immigration. Here's a behind-the-numbers look at how illegal immigration has impacted Kansas.

**According to research into U.S. census data by the Pew Research Center**, 14 states saw a dip in illegal immigrant populations from 2009 to 2012. In 2012, those illegal immigrants numbered about 3.5 percent of the total U.S. population — 11.2 million — of close to 316 million people, Pew noted. Additionally, those illegals marked 26 percent of the 42.5 million U.S. residents who were foreign-born.

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Figures from Kansas remained relatively static through that period as no significant changes were recorded.

**Data from the Pew Research Center found in 2012** that illegal immigration in Kansas:

- Was estimated at 75,000 illegal residents
- Made up 2.6 percent of the Kansas's total population
- Accounted for 38 percent of all immigrants in Kansas
- Was responsible for 7 percent — children born to parents who were unauthorized residents — of all K-12 students
- Comprised 3.5 percent of the state's workforce
- Was mostly of Mexican descent: 75 percent of those illegal residents in Kansas originated from Mexico

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