

To whomever it may concern,

I have resided in Kansas for approximately 15 years. Growing up, my parents always instilled on me the importance of higher education ever since the moment. As a child, anything seems possible and my parents worked day and night to make that happen, sacrificing the place they called home to give us the opportunity to create a better life for my sister and I. When I got to high school, I saw mostly everyone getting ready to apply for universities all over the United States, but I knew that I would be limited to Kansas, since I was able to get in state tuition and I would actually be able to afford my education this way. If it had not been for this and my parents, I would not be where I currently am. I currently hold a bachelor's degree and I am working towards a master's degree in social welfare at the University of Kansas. This country puts so much pressure on immigrants to be successful but if we are not given the opportunity to succeed then you are putting yet another institutional barrier for us to move forward. Education is so important to many of us, and all we want is to be able to get the same opportunity as our peers to be able to achieve this. Additionally, if tuition prices increase then many of us will stop attending schools in Kansas, which will not benefit foster children and will ultimately cause more harm to both parties. Though I understand the importance of Kansas's foster children, I do not believe that this measure is necessary and in a way will have more harmful consequences.

Sincerely,

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