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Representative John Barker
Chair, Committee on Federal & State Affairs Committee
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RE: HB 2717

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2717. Though I am not a resident of Wyandotte County I stand in support of the Unified Government's decision to create and approve a Safe and Welcoming Act. I worked in Wyandotte County for seven years and am fully aware of the community that is home to many residents from around the world. The leadership of Wyandotte County knows what is best for their county.

The Safe and Welcoming Act demonstrates that Wyandotte County desires to ensure a safe community for all residents that allows them to obtain a municipal ID, a form of photo identification issued by a city or county government. It can be used to prove a person's identity within the county limits and to access services which may include enrolling children in school, opening bank accounts, picking up prescriptions, and accessing health care.

Passage of HB 2717, in my opinion, continues to obstruct Wyandotte county residents from living a productive, healthy and vibrant lives.

Thank you,


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