

Testimony on **SB 458**
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present KASB's opposition to **SB 458**. KASB believes that the decision passed several years ago to allow certain undocumented students to attend Kansas higher education institutions, at in-state rates, was a proper and just one. This measure required those undocumented students who wanted to enroll to meet certain standards. Among those standards were attending a Kansas public school for at least three years, graduation from an accredited Kansas public school, application for citizenship and not meeting the eligibility to attend another state's higher education institution at an in-state rate.

When presenting testimony then, and almost every year since then as attempts to repeal this law have been heard, KASB believes that one of the greatest building blocks we have for development in this state is our educated workforce. It matters not what profession you are looking at, highly educated students are in demand.

This legislative body only needs to look at the students that have taken advantage of this opportunity so far and understand how they can benefit this state as future taxpayers and citizens.

I appreciate the opportunity to present our views on this issue and would be happy to answer questions that you might have.