



**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 2492 and HB 2577**

To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
From: Leslee Fonseca, Assistant to the City Administrator  
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Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony regarding HB 2492 and HB 2577 – Mandatory e-verify for Local Governments.

The City of Lenexa views these bills, both of which would require the usage of the e-verify process, to be burdensome unfunded mandates. As such, the City of Lenexa is opposed to both HB 2492 and HB 2577.

In review of our files, we have noted upwards of 120 contracts that would meet the criteria specified for requiring the e-verify process as defined by HB 2492 and HB 2577. And this number is just larger contracts – it does not include contract addendums, small contracts or service contracts. The requirements to use the e-verify unfunded mandate by both our legal and finance departments would cause increased workload without the personnel to perform such tasks. Additionally, requiring businesses to utilize the e-verify system in order to do business with the City of Lenexa is an additional cost that makes doing business with a local government entity less attractive. This in turn harms business development and economic recovery. We believe this has the potential to negatively impact small businesses.

The City of Lenexa cannot be supportive of the e-verify legislation (HB 2492 and HB 2577) if state funding is not available to cover the additional costs required by such unfunded mandates.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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