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I would like to urge the committee to pass out of committee LD1259 for the following reasons.

Deputizing local police to carry out federal immigration enforcement turns every encounter with police into a potential deportation risk. We have seen how the 287g program overwhelmingly impacts people with no criminal history through minor traffic offenses.

Programs like 287(g) make everyone less safe because they cause fear, not cooperation. When people don't trust the police, they are less likely to report domestic abuse or unsafe working conditions.

Immigration enforcement doesn't just affect people with no legal status. We have seen and heard of US citizens being mistakenly detained and even deported.

Thank you