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Penalizing communities who choose not to cooperate with immigration authorities by withholding funding for schools is morally reprehensible.

Communities must continue to fight back against all cooperation, such as requests for personal information of immigrants, including home addresses; access to law enforcement databases, including DMV records; or agents arresting people at court hearings or probation appointments.

Cooperating with federal immigration authorities is bad policy that further systematizes racism, erodes community trust, rips apart families and communities, and creates a two-tiered system of justice in which immigrants are treated differently in the criminal justice system.

As local governments and police wrestle with how to improve police relationships with communities during this time of racial reckoning, cooperation with federal immigration officials only further undermines those efforts.

This law would punish municipalities who exercise their right to “home rule” in establishing sanctuary cities to protect undocumented residents.

For all of these reasons and more, I urge you to only consider policies that build our communities, not tear them down.