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Harrison

LD 387

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Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and esteemed members of the State and Local Government Committee: My name is Dennis A. Delo, a resident of Harrison and I am writing to express support for the proposed legislation LD 387 “An Act to Prohibit the Governor from Relocating Illegal Immigrants to This State.”

As an engaged member of this community, I believe this bill is crucial in ensuring the safety, economic stability, and integrity of our state’s laws.

First and foremost, the prohibition of relocating these “illegal” individuals is essential to upholding the rule of law. Our nation has long prided itself on a system of “legal” immigration, where individuals who wish to live and work in the United States do so through the proper channels. This bill not only reinforces the importance of adhering to our immigration laws but also sends a clear message that we will not tolerate the undermining of our legal system.

Moreover, this bill will directly contribute to enhancing public safety. By addressing this issue, we are taking proactive steps to ensure that state resources are used to protect law-abiding citizens. Studies have shown that communities with higher rates of illegal immigration often face increased crime and strain on local law enforcement. By enforcing our immigration laws, we can reduce crime, improve public safety, and allow our law enforcement agencies to focus on protecting residents rather than dealing with the complexities of illegal immigration.

Additionally, illegal immigration places a significant burden on our state’s economy and public services. When individuals who are not legally authorized to work take up resources such as healthcare, education, and housing, it strains our already limited resources and affects the quality of services for lawful residents. By supporting this bill, we are prioritizing the needs of our citizens and ensuring that public services are available for those who have contributed to the state legally and ethically.

Finally, this bill fosters fairness. It is critical that we prioritize the well-being of legal residents and citizens, especially those who have followed the lawful immigration process. The bill will ensure our values of fairness, justice, and respect for the law. For all these reasons, I strongly support the passage of this bill and encourage you to vote “ought to pass.”

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing the positive impact this legislation will have on our community.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Delo

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