

Judiciary
House Bill 444
Favorable

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee;

Please give House Bill 444 a FAVORABLE vote.

The 287(g) program has been used to deny people their rights, and to perpetuate racist police stops. It has also resulted in numerous lawsuits, and in increased costs to states. 287(g) agreements have made witnesses to crimes less likely to come forward, negatively impacting successful prosecutions. State and local law enforcement have no business doing the work of a federal agency. There are ways to enforce the law and to ensure that people suspected of crimes are put on trial, without resorting to problematic 287(g) agreements.

I urge a favorable report for House Bill 444. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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