

Attn: Delegate [Stewart](#)

Regarding HB0309 Judicial Facilities - Stops, Detentions, and Arrests - Limitations

Position: Favorable

Federal agents, incentivized to meet quotas for deportation regardless of the merits of individual cases, have detained legal residents who were in the process of obtaining citizenship.

The United States makes it difficult to immigrate to this country and difficult to get citizenship. Deportation is not the answer. The legal mechanisms for welcoming new citizens to our communities is undermined by the Federal program to detain and deport law-abiding residents who are attempting to follow the rules.

Agents who treat judicial facilities as prime fishing holes will only impede judicial proceedings. Anyone going to a judicial facility is already undergoing legal supervision. No detentions by ICE or Border Patrol agents should be allowed at or near judicial facilities.

Please return a favorable result on this bill.

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