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Re: Senate Bill 54 (SB54)

Honorable California State Assembly Members,



As the Chief Law Enforcement Officers/Officials in our county, we wanted to reach out to clarify the misrepresentation of immigration enforcement in our state. We do not conduct front-line immigration enforcement duties (immigration sweeps). We encourage all members of our community regardless of immigration status to seek protection and assistance from law enforcement. We do not report law abiding undocumented community members to immigration.



There is a necessity in communicating with federal law enforcement regarding dangerous criminals and persons booked into county jails; this necessity arises from a desire to protect all members of our community from those who pose a threat to public safety, not from a desire to enforce immigration law.



SB54 only protects criminals, it does nothing to protect those who come to our country undocumented and wish to become law abiding American citizens. Human Traffickers, Drug Cartel members, Terrorists, persons with lengthy criminal histories are some of the people that Senate Bill 54 will protect.

Attached you will find a small sampling of ICE inmates with local charges in the Kings County jail, who we could not speak to Federal Authorities about if SB54 becomes law.



Cutting off the lines of communication with ICE agents will force them into our communities for their enforcement efforts. They will no doubt cast a wider net, impacting more families in our jurisdictions.

Article 6 of the United States Constitution makes it clear that federal laws are the "supreme" law of the land. Senate Bill 54 ignores federal law and violates our Oath of Office.



Efforts would be better served to expedite the path to citizenship, rather than pass a law to protect criminals who prey on our society, regardless of immigration status.

Please suspend SB54 and go back to the drawing board. It is a poorly written bill and only protects criminals.

Respectfully Submitted,



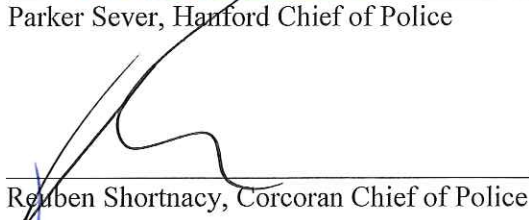
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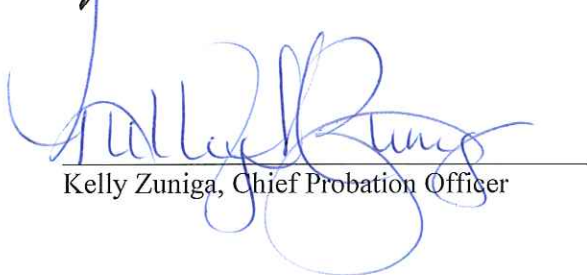
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