

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED HOUSE BILL 0388

The pure unvarnished truth is that illegal aliens, as well as their cohorts, supporters and representatives want them to have the benefits of the rule of law and those of a society governed by it but not to be subject to it.

The bill if enacted will be self-destructive for the state and continue to promote the reign of terror that residents of this state are now enduring. As of July 2019, nine rapes by illegal immigrants occurred. Those are the ones reported. It is well-known that victims either do not report rapes at all or delay doing so out of shock, shame and trauma. In October 2019, four MS-13 members pleaded guilty to the brutal murder of two young people.

The bill seeks to undermine federal authority by obstructing and frustrating the enforcement of the immigration laws which are solely the province of the federal government.

It is indeed ironic that this state, or any state, is entitled and does look to the federal government for aid, assistance and protection in the event of an emergency or disaster, natural or man-made. Yet the government, with this bill, now seeks to codify policies that result in murder and mayhem by obstructing and frustrating the enforcement of the immigration laws.

This bill also will continue a policy that relegates American citizens and legal residents to second-class status. They must obey the law or face the consequences. Under this law, illegal aliens for the most part will be shielded and sheltered from such consequences. That fact seriously hampers law enforcement officers from carrying out their duties to protect and serve. In so doing, the law causes public safety and security to be endangered.

Over 150 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln said, "I believe this government cannot endure both half slave and half free, it will cease to be divided. It will become all of one thing or all of the other. That view holds true here. This government cannot continue to function with one group of people operating under the rule of law and the other as if they are above the law. There will be the rule of law consistent or the rule of special interests with accompanying violence, anarchy, and corruption which is in no one's interest.

Respectfully Submitted,
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