

Opposition to HB0388, HB0403, and HB0677 Respectfully Submitted by:

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the House Judiciary Committee, thank you for providing a forum to express my views on this proposed legislation. The bills before you are rewrites of many attempts to circumvent the Federal Laws of our Country which are, much like Roe v. Wade, the Law of the Land.

Formerly call the SAFE Act and the Trust Act these laws have been supported by individuals, organizations and some law enforcement agencies as being needed to protect illegal aliens from being prosecuted by ICE when they report criminal activity of other illegal aliens. You will hear or have heard the illegal alien community won't report crimes to law enforcement without these laws. What you will not hear, until now, is that there is a way for illegal aliens to report criminal activity without fear of being deported because they have identified themselves as well as the criminals as illegals.

Illegal aliens no longer have to fear ICE more than they fear the criminals unless you pass these laws. These laws put the criminals back on the street to prey on the law-abiding illegals who reported them instead of deporting them out of the country.

The U nonimmigrant status (U visa) is set aside for victims of certain crimes, who have suffered mental or physical abuse and are helpful to law enforcement or government officials in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity. This visa was created by Congress in October 2000 with the passage of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act. It is too involved and complicated to discuss in the 3 minutes I have; but, I have provided additional information in my written testimony which I ask be included as a part of my verbal testimony for your use.

An attorney or representative can Email an inquiry to the Nebraska Service Center for Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status ([nsc.i-918inquiries@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:nsc.i-918inquiries@uscis.dhs.gov).) or,

Send a letter to Nebraska Service Center, P.O. Box 87918, Lincoln, NE 68501-7918.

I am here to ask you to please table these bills until you have had time to review the U visa program and incorporate its provisions into consideration thereof. I am also hoping you will bring this U visa to the attention of your local law enforcement personnel and consider funding laws that will protect victims, legal and illegal, from criminal elements, who could so easily be removed from your local communities by cooperating with the Federal government (ICE).

Thank you for your respectful attention and consideration.