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Support the Safe Communities Act



By **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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I write in support of the Safe Communities Act.

Contrary to misinformation flying around, the bill makes our communities safer, and our public safety budget stabler, by preventing the disruption of local established priorities and budgets in order to do the work of the Federal government.

It does this by allowing our public officials to focus on a crime being reported, a safety violation being ignored, or an infectious illness potentially left untreated, instead of prioritizing checking the immigration status of a person who might report those things.

And since criminals, safety violations, and germs don't check immigration status before they cause harm, that makes all of us safer.

I urge state Reps. Dave Nangle and Thomas Golden to join state Sen. Edward Kennedy and state Rep. Rady Mom in supporting this important bill.

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