

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

I urge you to support Senate Bills 157 and 158.

The taxpayers and citizens of Kansas should not have to bear the costs of illegal immigration – including K-12 education, medical care, incarceration, bilingual education, drug rehabilitation, etc. The legal apprehension of illegal aliens would send a message to others that Kansas is not a safe haven.

Illegal immigration has also resulted in many terrible human costs. For example, my friends and Kansans Dennis and Denise Bixby lost their only child to a drunk driver a few years ago who was an illegal alien. That man was released on a technicality and now resides in Kansas City, MO. This man should never have been in Kansas in the first place. There are many other crimes committed by illegal aliens in Kansas, including identity theft, sexual abuse, human trafficking, and drug trafficking.

Sanctuary cities and counties that refuse to honor ICE detainer requests should not receive state funds for anything, including K-12 and higher education funds, law enforcement funding, or any other direct aid from Kansas. There was a case in Johnson County where an illegal alien was released soon after being delivered to the jail by ICE. The man then murdered 2 people in Missouri within a few days after release. ICE detainer requests should be honored.

Please support these bills to help deter and prevent future crimes and to reduce the taxpayer burden for illegal immigration in Kansas.

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