



Immigration Bill Threatens Victims of Violence

This week, the House introduced [HR 6089](#), the Illegal Immigrant Deterrence and Public Safety Act of 2006. Title II of HR 6089, the State And Local Enforcement Cooperation in the Enforcement of Immigration Law Act, is a version of the already defeated CLEAR Act.

This proposal would allow the country's over 600,000 state and local law enforcement officials to enforce immigration law. Deputizing local law officials to enforce immigration laws and detain undocumented victims needing police assistance will deter victims from calling the police for help out of fear of deportation.

This dangerous provision is most likely going to pass in the House. More alarmingly, we are hearing that Senators charged with negotiating spending bills that are now being considered (the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill and the Defense Department Appropriations Bill) may take the House bill discussed above and tack it on to the spending bills. **These spending bills will be very difficult to stop, as they fund the operations of military and Homeland Security.**

We Need Your Help Today! Call [Senator Judd Gregg](#) (R-NH) Tell Sen. Gregg's office and his appropriations staff why you object to attaching these provisions to the Homeland Security spending bill. Senator Gregg is chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, so he is a key decision-maker. The subcommittee phone number is 202.224.4319, and his personal office is 202.224.3324. Also helpful are calls to [Senator Frist](#) (R- TN) at 202.224.3344 and [Senator Specter](#) (R-PA) at 202.224.4254

Tell the Senators

- not to attach a dangerous immigration enforcement provision to an overall spending bill.
- that allowing police to detain domestic violence victims based on immigration status jeopardizes their safety and puts them at risk for abuse

For more information on this and other harmful immigration provisions introduced this week, visit the [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#).

For more information on state and local law enforcement of immigration law, visit the [National Immigration Forum](#).

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