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The Honorable Robert B. Aderholt  
Chairman  
House Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
B307 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Fiscal Year 2013 Funding for the 287(g) Immigration Enforcement Program**

The Honorable Robert Aderholt:

As members of the bipartisan House Immigration Reform Caucus, we oppose efforts to defund the **287(g) program** as proposed in President Obama's fiscal year 2013 budget request for the Department of Homeland Security. To do so would be shortsighted and undo the work and new found level of cooperation that law enforcement agencies have built throughout the United States.

The 287(g) program provides state and local law enforcement with the training to identify, process, and detain possible immigration offenders. This program extends the federal government's ability to enforce our immigration laws without the additional overhead. This program has been highly successful at not only apprehending immigration offenders but has facilitated the incarceration of dangerous criminals and has contributed to overall public safety.

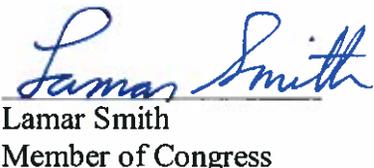
We understand and appreciate the tight fiscal constraints the Committee is confronting, however we ask that the committee consider maintaining the **FY 2012 287(g) program funding level of \$68 million**. Defunding the 287(g) program would negate and rollback all the gains made by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies working together. In fact, state and local law enforcement agencies are assets that the federal government should find ways to expand, not limit. Regrettably, to do otherwise is inviting failure.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support of the 287(g) Immigration Enforcement Program. A core constitutional duty for the Federal Government is to preserve and protect the integrity of our borders. It should be the focus of Congress and the Administration to adequately fund core constitutional duties such as border protection.

Sincerely,



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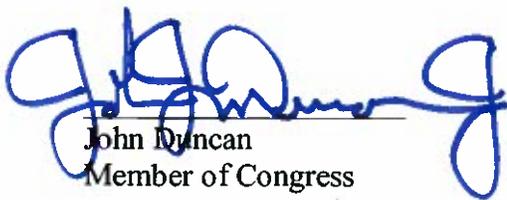
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