



## Sheriff's Department



Robert Roed  
Sheriff

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Chairman Klemin and members of the committee,

For the record my name is Jason Kraft, I am a Captain at the Ward County Sheriff's Department in Minot, and I am providing written testimony in opposition of HB 1585.

Our agency is not opposed to reporting immigration violations to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement. As it stands now, when our deputies encounter someone that is illegally in the country, they notify border patrol to see if they want them detained. We are not opposed to assisting with the enforcement of immigration laws.

We are instead opposed to the criminal penalty attached to this bill anytime a law enforcement officer forgets to notify ICE when they reasonably believe someone is an illegal immigrant. For the last 4 years our deputies have notified Border Patrol every time, despite already knowing Border Patrol would decline detention.

The language of this bill seems to assume that law enforcement isn't already doing the right thing. We urge the committee to recommend a do not pass on this bill. Don't inadvertently create a situation where a new or inexperienced officer is suddenly facing an infraction because they make a mistake.

Sincerely,

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