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**SHERIFF ANDY SCHNEIDER**

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**To: House Judiciary Committee**

**From: Sheriff Andy Schneider**

**RE: HB 1585**

**Date: 1/31/2025**

**Chairman Klemin and Members of the House Judiciary,**

**My name is Andy Schneider, and I serve as the Sheriff of the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office. I am writing in opposition of House Bill 1585.**

**As written, this bill provides gaps and uncertainty. The bill designates a requirement for any peace officer to notify ICE if they believe an immigrant is in the United States illegally. It does not designate if this is required only of on-duty peace officers. As written, it would imply that any peace officer, on or off duty while in the state of North Dakota shall report to ICE no matter what jurisdiction they are in.**

**In jurisdictions such as Grand Forks, we are fortunate to have ICE and Border Patrol assets in our community. With this bill, our deputies would be found guilty of an infraction for contacting the local agents and having them respond to the scene. By rendering an immediate action from federal partners and having them take illegal immigrants immediately into custody, we are now guilty of an infraction because we failed to call a tip line or submit a tip on a website.**

**In my experience, the peace officers in our state are aware of the duty to protect our communities, uphold the laws of the state of North Dakota and the Constitution of the United States, and keep North Dakota a safe place to live. I have not been made aware of any peace officers in our area not taking appropriate action when encountering illegal immigrants, therefore I see this bill as a solution looking for a problem that doesn't exist.**

**I would advise the committee move for a do-not-pass on House Bill 1585.**

**Thank you for your service to our State and to your communities.**

**Sincerely,**

*Andy Schneider*

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**Sheriff – Grand Forks County**