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Subject: Safe Communities

To the Governor's Office:

This letter is to urge Governor Baker to give his support to the Mass. Safe Communities Act, especially the amended version (the COPPS act) that has the support of the Mass Major Chiefs and the Mass Chiefs Associations.

Despite the polarizing sentiments on the subject of undocumented immigration, the fact that our Chiefs of Police agree that the compromise bill would make our state safer for all citizens should be sufficient to garner the Governor's support.

The towns in which many of our members live: Lexington, Lincoln, Bedford, Concord, Arlington and Acton have all passed resolutions to make their towns "welcoming to immigrants, regardless of status" and have endorsed the language contained in the original version of the Safe Communities Act.

Our citizens do not want state and local resources to be spent on doing the work of ICE, nor do they want to aid and abet the Trump administration's sometimes cruel and capricious policies toward non-criminal undocumented immigrants. We personally know of a deportation case in which an undocumented father was deported, leaving his wife and children (who were citizens) behind. As the father was their sole means of support, this makes no economic sense for the Commonwealth, in addition to being inhumane.

We therefore urge the Governor to reconsider his position and give his support to HD HD4603.

Sincerely yours,

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