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Rep. Ann Roe's Response to the Republican Legislatures Immigration Bill.

MADISON, Wis. — Representative Ann Roe (D-Janesville) responded to the introduction of an immigration bill on Tuesday: "This is a non-serious bill by Wisconsin Republicans that redirects already scarce law enforcement resources to comply with the President's extreme and inhumane immigration policy. Under current Wisconsin law, local law enforcement has no obligation to investigate residents' immigration status and no authority to make arrests for immigration violations."

Republicans in the state legislature introduced an immigration bill targeting local municipalities and county sheriff's departments across Wisconsin. The bill forces sheriff's departments to comply with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers in detaining immigrants or counties will face shared revenue cuts.

Rep. Roe continued, "If passed, this legislation would divert scarce resources away from more pressing priorities, encourage disorder and fear, and reduce public safety. When people fear that local law enforcement may detain, deport, or arrest them because of their citizenship status, they become less willing to come forward to report a crime or serve as witnesses, making everyone less safe."

Governor Tony Evers has stated he will veto this immigration bill if it lands on his desk.

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