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Representative Jerry L. O'Connor Votes to Protect Wisconsinites from Felony Illegal Immigrants

MADISON – Representative Jerry L. O'Connor (R-Fond du Lac) issued the following statement after voting in favor of AB 24, which requires county sheriffs to cooperate with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) efforts to protect our communities by deporting dangerous criminals illegally residing in Wisconsin:

“Protecting undocumented illegal alien criminals over the safety of our families is unacceptable. Today I voted for AB 24 because I will not stand by while our neighborhoods are made more dangerous by Democrats' reckless sanctuary city policies.

AB 24 requires county sheriffs to request proof of legal presence status from individuals held in a county jail for a felony offense. Specifically, this bill addresses only felony charges. If individuals cannot prove they are citizens, sheriffs must comply with detainers and warrants received from ICE and the Department of Homeland Security. Failure by any County to comply with the law will result in financial penalties levied against them by the State.

Milwaukee and Dane counties have already announced they will not comply with the federal law. It is truly unbelievable how any sheriff is unwilling to comply with and enforce federal law and instead give preferential treatment to illegal immigrant felons over the Wisconsin citizens they are sworn to protect. Under the Democrats' radical sanctuary policies, illegal immigrant felons across America will know they are safe to live in these communities and free to endanger its residents without threat of deportation. Citizens in those counties need to wake up and demand that their county sheriffs abide by the rule of law.

We must restore law enforcement's ability to communicate with ICE when violent crimes occur—because the safety of our residents must always come first. Governor Evers must protect Wisconsinites and sign our bill.

I promise you that Legislative Republicans will continue to support law enforcement to keep our communities safe. Let us stop Wisconsin from creating sanctuary counties.”

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