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## **Fight Fear with Facts on 287(g) program**

Representative Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) issued the following statement regarding today's march in Waukesha:

Every immigrant group adds value to the American fabric. The Hispanic immigrant group from Mexico, Central and South America is equally important. We are a better country because of the contributions of Latino Americans.

As an immigrant group, Latinos are not more important than other immigrant groups, as some might suggest. To suggest that a group of people desiring to immigrate to America need not follow our national immigration laws and procedures that apply to every immigrant group is a request for preferential treatment.

We desire fairness and reasonableness.

We are a nation of laws because of our desire for fairness. Absent a strict adherence to laws we are reduced to nation of capricious power, bribery, and favoritism.

Our Sheriff is availing his department with a tool of law enforcement known as 287(g). This section of the immigration law has been in existence since 1996. President Trump in an effort fulfill his campaign commitment to make America safer instructed the Department of Homeland Security to build more local law enforcement partnerships through the 287 (g) program. The purpose of the program is to deport criminals. It is not intended to be used as a large-scale deportation program targeting any particular group.

All Americans, regardless of ethnicity or ancestral origin, deserve to feel safe in their community. The 287 (g) program provides a tool for our local law enforcement which may be used in select cases to rid our community of some bad actors.

There are many good people that are in our community without proper documentation. The 287 (g) program should not adversely impact those individuals whatsoever.

It is important that we fight fear with facts.

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