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SB47 Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law

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Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 11:34 AM

To members of the Senate State, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee:

I'm strongly encourage the Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee to vote down SB47, Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law. As a former City Council member and Mayor, Senate Bill 06-090 should never have been passed and there is no reason to bring it back to life. It failed to make citizens safer, added burdens to our public safety departments and created financial impacts on local governments. Besides that, responsibility for immigration enforcement rests with the federal government. State and local governments have plenty of their own responsibilities.

Why vote against SB47

1. Immigration enforcement rests with the federal government.
2. Adding responsibilities related to immigration enforcement to local governments' public safety entities increases the workload of those governmental organizations without increasing the safety and security of the citizens within those jurisdictions.
3. The role of public safety under local governments is to protect the community. Their work involves preventing crime, ensuring the safety of all members of the community and their property, responding to emergencies, and effectively creating a secure environment where citizens can live without fear. Immigration enforcement burdens both the workload and finances of state and local departments. There exists a direct conflict between creating secure environments and ensuring safety when local public safety officers are tasked with doing the work of federal immigration authorities.

Thanks for your consideration,
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Testimony SB 25-048 scheduled for 2/25/2025.

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Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 11:53 PM

-Honorable Senators,
Please support this bill SB-25-047 and pass this out of committee to the floor vote.

The burden of resources required to support these illegal immigrants exceeds our funding capacity at both the state and local levels. Tren de Aragua has infiltrated the Concordia apartments at 20th and Pierce across from the Colorado DMV office and another apartment north of Jefferson High School. MS-13 has taken residence in Green Mountain. Gang related shootings and crime are up. Fentanyl and drug deaths are up. The police are handcuffed and are not responding to reverse the trend. They have stopped responding to property crimes and violent crimes threaten us daily.

Illegal immigrants are concentrating in Lakewood along Colfax and 14th avenues between Sheridan and Dover. They are reducing the resources available to the American homeless and challenging that population. Residents here are fed up with the lack of protection and degradation of our community.

The current laws stopping our local police and Sheriff's department from removing the dangerous criminals expeditiously, is your fault. This bill takes off the handcuffs you placed on our police by preventing them from cooperating with ICE.

Crime is way up in this neighborhood. The Lakewood and Edgewater Police are reluctant to deal with these transnational terrorists which may have decided to center their national operations here in the Denver Metro area. Stop this and help our communities become safe again.

I am a first generation American Colorado native whose Dad immigrated legally from County Mayo through Ellis Island at age 5. My Grandfather fled his homeland when the Black and Trans assassinated his twin brother Bartly and tried to assassinate him. They followed the rules to become Americans without assistance.

The influx of illegal immigrants due to your sanctuary policies must stop. You have degraded Lakewood community and are destroying our Colfax businesses.

Shawn Hegarty in Lakewood's "Severe enforcement area."

Mr. Chair Weissman, members of the committee, my name is Ethan Chisholm. I live in and grew up in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Denver. I am writing to OPPOSE SB 25-047. SB 25-047 amounts to a new version of Colorado's repealed "show me your papers" laws which wasted taxpayer money allowing local LEOs deputized as ICE agents to engage in racist and classist profiling against residents of the state. The reinstatement of the show me your papers laws would make our communities more dangerous by sewing an inherent distrust of law enforcement.

The racist narratives propagated by the supporters of this bill suggest that every immigrant is a criminal, the reality is that recent highly militarized ICE operations seen in Denver have had agents walking door to door profiling every resident of impoverished neighborhoods in the metro area. ICE has justified their invasion by claiming to be searching for supposed members of the south american gang "Tren de Aragua ". Despite many claims from the GOP and their constituents these efforts have not been fruitful. Last month at a party in adams county over 100 undocumented colorado residents were detained by ICE, only one of those detained was found to be a member of TDA. Being undocumented immigrant is not a moral wrongdoing, immigrants pay taxes, they pay into our social security, and they are the backbone of our entire economy. No matter how you feel about illegal immigration, the plain fact is that our infrastructure relies on it and would cease to function. Under mass deportations the agricultural, construction and service sectors would see much of their workforce disappear, greatly damaging our local economies. SB 25-047 would essentially remove due process for hundreds of thousands of colorado residents, making it legal for ICE to detain people at courthouses, schools, and churches, places once deemed safe from ICE interference. This removal of due process would do nothing but create distrust in local government in the immigrant community.

Before you vote on this I would like you to imagine what it would be like if you were torn away from your own family and deported to a country you didn't even come from, if we claim to be protecting traditional american values of family and order then why are destroying families and creating chaos and fear in our communities? I am personally horrified of SB 25-047 and I know there are thousands more in the state that feel the same way as me and even strongly. Please do the right thing and listen to your Coloradoan constituents, not corporate interests and a corrupted federal government.



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Written Testimony

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Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 10:33 AM

Thank you so much!

Here's my testimony and it will be against bill SB25-047:

Mr. Chair Weissman, members of the committee,

My name is Sabrina McKinney and I am a Colorado resident. I am writing to OPPOSE SB 25-047. I am beyond horrified and disgusted that a new version of the "Show Me Your Papers" law was introduced to the state legislature. When this law was passed in 2006, tens of thousands of people each year had their lives ruined by law enforcement racially profiling them. The law was a waste of resources that only amounted to widespread fear in our communities, unnecessary violence, and evisceration of families just trying to live here. Immigrants are people not criminals. They are our neighbors, our coworkers, our friends, our family. They worship beside us at our churches. Their children attend our schools. They volunteer alongside us to aid our communities. Immigrants are part of Colorado like all of us and we must do everything to protect them because an attack on one of us is an attack on all of us.

I do NOT want to see this dark time in Colorado history make a return. So, I urge you to please do the right thing for Colorado and do not allow this bill through your committee.

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I don't know if you need that but I know it was needed on the form.

Thank you again! I appreciate your help.
Sabrina

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Subject: Re: Written Testimony

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Mr. Chair Weissman, members of the committee,

My name is Samantha aka “Billy” Boylan, and I am a Colorado resident. I am writing to urge you to OPPOSE SB 25-047. I am terrified that the state legislature will introduce a new version of the “Show Me Your Papers” law. During the enactment of the 2006-2013 version of this law, it proved to be a waste of valuable federal resources and failed to make our communities safer. It served as a legal shelter for racial profiling and intimidation, putting huge parts of our most vulnerable communities at risk. To allow another version of this law is to further the failure of the state to recognize the humanity of our immigrant population by offering basic protections from state-sanctioned violence.

SB 25-047 repeals the laws enacted to provide protections to undocumented emigrated people in CO, allowing for these key harmful practices to be reinstated:

Requiring police to report “suspected” undocumented people to ICE provides legal shelter for racial profiling. This aspect of the Bill, along with the allowance of ICE agents to detain people in courthouses, blurs important distinctions and fosters collaboration between local law enforcement and ICE that will be used to strip immigrant communities of the basic right to seek justice from abuse or serve as witnesses when involved in the prosecution of serious crimes.

Diverting state/local resources to fuel violent acts of family separation, isolating and disproportionately impacting vulnerable children. Some of these federal resources may also be impacted as a punishment for cities that refuse to cooperate with ICE. This lies in gross contradiction to the act of expanding private, corporatized detention centers to further profit over manufactured human misery.

It is understood that the primarily argued reasons for pushing this bill forward have to do with relieving fear and distress in communities related to violent criminal activity. However, there is precedent from the previous enactment of SB 06-090 that shows that law enforcement was emboldened to report small, petty misdemeanors such as jay-walking, failure to use a turn signal, and to exploit vague criminal charges such as ‘disturbing the peace’. There are little to no trustworthy and reliable accountability measures for abusive practices and racial profiling supported by the repeal of laws put in place to protect immigrant communities.

It is your imperative as an elected official to bear the weight of the concern of your constituents in this matter. My hope is that you are conditioned by the strength and resolve of our voice in opposition of this bill.

Regards from a native CO resident,
Billy Boylan (they/them)

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Bill: SB 25-097

Date: 2/25/25

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The bill intends to target serious crimes and those suspected of committing them.

Questions -

- Are people with non-legal status more or less likely to run, re-offend, or both if released as compared to a citizen or legal status?

- Do citizens or people with status somehow not attempt to run, re-offend, or both?

In other words, why is this bill specifically ~~aiming suspects at~~ singling out suspects based on status?

Why not bring this as an all-encompassing criminal reform bill? Why specify immigration status at all?

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Bill: SB25-047

Date: 2-25-25

All this Bill does is encourage Colorado law enforcement to act like members of the SS rounding up undesirables. But proponents say it is about safety, maybe they even believe that to be true. But we have hundreds of examples of similar laws, and they only ever make communities less safe.

The most potent power that the police have to keep us safe is legitimacy. The belief that the police are here for the best interests of our community. When people trust the police, they go to the police whenever they are victims of injustice. But if they believe that the police are out to get them, they will take justice into their own hands. I hope we all know that in real life, vigilante justice just creates cycles of violence.

I don't know which is worse, that the proponents of this bill are ignorant of these criminology 101, publicly available facts, that are relevant to their vocation; or that they really do just want to play out a fantasy of being members of an American Secret police.

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Bill: SB 25-47

Date: 2-25-25

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I am a resident of the Baker neighborhood and I already feel unsafe in police presence. I will be increasingly apprehensive to contact or work with the police if this bill is passed into law. The people and our decision makers have already repealed this law. It does not qualify the targets of detention to violent criminals - every law abiding citizen could violate a traffic law. Police already have broad opportunities to claim 'probable cause' - we don't need to make the potential harm of this worse. Further, I am deeply opposed to any measure that expands private detention centers for corporate profit from hard-working Coloradoans' tax dollars. Please do the right thing for Colorado and do not allow this bill through your committee.

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Bill: SB25-47

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This law is very
damaging for the
community.

I remember one day being stop
by the Police, w/o probable cause,
I was asked for my immigration
status, and the reason that was
given to me for the stop was
that the type of car I was driving
was stolen a lot, and that
mine was brand new, and they
didn't know if my car was a
stolen vehicle.

I have also seen a lot of family
separation first hand. Lots of
families here in Colorado are of
mixed status, and no body should
be suffering for separation just
because we are stopped by
racial profiling. We are here to
work and have a better life.
Please do not pass this bill.

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Bill: SB 47

Date: 2/25/25

Having had several immigrants in my family who have been considered "illegal" at one time, a brother from Cameroon who was detained for years by ICE, and as a husband of a woman from Cameroon who also at one time was considered "illegal" by federal law, this law threatens those I love and members of my family. Please keep Colorado safe for immigrants and do not expand the ability of ICE to harass and detain those I love.

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Bill: SB47

Date: February 25, 2025

The consequences of this bill are far greater than the "benefits". This bill states they will not detain anyone without probable cause but knowing the law, they'd create a probable cause. This law further opens the door for unprovoked racism. Racial profiling will become normal for law enforcement, instilling fear in hard working people. People who are innocent, more innocent than the President everyone is so quick to defend.

My name is Kassandra Reyes, I am a Colorado raised Latina woman, raised by immigrants in a large immigrant community. I am an educator in a predominantly Hispanic school. Seeing & hearing students come to school afraid for their parents is heartbreaking. This bill will only further displace fear into our children

& communities, causing them to pull back from their own normalcy. Please do not pass this bill!

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	Neutral	<input type="radio"/>

While I understand the need to protect our community I do not condone the bill that would allow more racial profiling. Our community is built of different groups who should feel safe in our State. I have had direct contact in my former job with immigrants. Both legal and those working to obtain documentation. People deserve the right to come here for a better life and some learn here how that is done properly. Not all immigrants are criminals and I fear this bill would bring unwanted acts primarily against Hispanic community. Trust is how we will win this fight against racial profiling. I urge some major adjustments to this bill protecting those who are not criminals. Thank you for allowing me to speak on this important matter.

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Bill: 25-047

Date: 25 Feb 25

My family spans this country and though we are birthright citizens, we are profiled with

negative connotations which are not easily riled against. This bill does not explicitly state protections & limitations of which officers would be held. "Probable cause" has been broad in its definition and has been proven to negatively impact individuals causing physical and mental abuses of power. I worry about my family's safety and push for cooperation with law enforcement as we shouldn't fear them. Which means that our community officers should be required to follow due process, there are many processes already in place to determine the fault and severity of a potential crime. We should ensure that law and order is kept and if some process is lacking, we correct it.

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This can be in reference ~~to~~ bail bonds and parole which can be addressed without a bases in immigrate existance in our country.

Having tattoos and generally looking different, is not probable cause and this bill does not protect against that.

Officers should be held to due process as all individuals in this country are.

ALL violent criminals will receive their just compoance at the proper levels and not because one officer feels "probable cause" but because our justice system ensures procecution at multiple levels with many branches.

As a veteran, mother, municipal employee, volunteer, and American, I urge you to vote No on this bill to oparentee due process and protection to All persons in our great country.

February 25, 2025

TO: Colorado Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

RE: Written Testimony in Support of SB25-047, Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law

FROM: Terri Carver, Former State Representative (2014-2022)

I submit this written testimony in support of SB25-047, Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law, and ask for a yes vote. This bill would reinstate 2006 Colorado law to authorize and require local and state law enforcement to cooperate with the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Through numerous laws passed by the Democrat majority in the Colorado Legislature, Colorado is now a sanctuary state for illegal immigrants present in our state, including illegal immigrants that have committed crimes against Colorado residents. These ill-advised sanctuary state laws have resulted in Colorado being a magnet for illegal immigrants, especially during the uncontrolled migration of millions of illegal immigrants during the Biden Administration.

Specifically, SB25-047 would repeal HB19-1124 which prohibited Colorado law enforcement from detaining illegal immigrants who had committed crimes from contacting ICE for deportation. State and local law enforcement were forced to release these criminals back into their communities, where many continued to commit crimes and further victimize Coloradans.

I voted against the 2019 bill, and many of us predicted the public safety disaster which would result when Governor Polis signed the bill into law. This 2019 bill was a neon sign to illegal immigrants to come to Colorado, including criminals who knew their chances of being deported were much lower in Colorado because of sanctuary laws.

Colorado's sanctuary state laws undermine public safety and contribute to rising crime--just look at the headlines:

--JANUARY 3, 2025 DENVER, CO ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL

ERO Denver arrests 22 noncitizen at-large criminal offenders in local operation,
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ero-denver-arrests-22-noncitizen-large-criminal-offenders-local-operation>

--Semi driver in deadly Colorado highway crash is illegal immigrant who was deported from US multiple times: ICE, Published June 18, 2024 10:19pm EDT
<https://www.foxnews.com/us/semi-driver-deadly-colorado-highway-crash-illegal-immigrant-who-deported-from-us-multiple-times-ice>

--ICE arrests 19 in Colorado during national sex offender ...

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<https://www.denverpost.com> › immigration-arrests-color...

-Denver council members tie rise in 'hot spots' crime to illegal immigration surge, Jul 10, 2024, https://www.coloradopolitics.com/local-government/denver-city-council-crime-illegal-immigrants/article_1dad796-4b36-5379-8db8-2354c67c4ab1.html

Finally, we have the July 2024 court ruling against Teller County Sheriff's department which was cooperating with ICE on taking criminal illegal immigrants in their jails. The court ruled that Teller County could not cooperate with ICE to deport these public safety threats to their communities because of state law prohibitions.

It is past time for Colorado to put the safety of their residents ahead of criminal illegal immigrants. SB25-047 is a good start. I urge a yes vote.

Thank you, Mr. Chair and Committee Members.

My name is Marcella Schieffelin, and I reside in Mesa County, Colorado.

I am speaking on behalf of myself.

Testimony Against SB25-047: Protecting State Laws That Safeguard All People

I strongly oppose SB25-047, which seeks to reverse critical protections that limit state and local involvement in enforcing federal immigration law. This bill is not just a policy shift—it is a **direct threat to public safety, community trust, and the fundamental rights of all residents in Colorado.**

State laws exist to protect **all people, regardless of immigration status.** These laws ensure that individuals feel safe reporting crimes, seeking medical care, attending school, and accessing vital services without fear of detention or deportation. When local agencies are forced to act as immigration enforcers, entire communities suffer—victims hesitate to seek help, witnesses are afraid to come forward, and families live in constant fear.

Moreover, SB25-047 undermines **state and local authority**, forcing resources to be diverted away from public safety priorities. Colorado has long recognized that immigration enforcement is the role of federal agencies, not local law enforcement. Reversing these protections would break down trust between communities and police, making it harder to prevent and solve crimes.

This bill disproportionately harms individuals with **disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, and people of color**, many of whom already face systemic barriers to justice. Removing state protections will make these populations even more vulnerable to discrimination, exploitation, and unlawful detention.

Colorado has taken significant steps to ensure that **ALL people—regardless of background—are treated with dignity and fairness.** SB25-047 seeks to undo those efforts, promoting fear instead of safety.

I urge this committee to uphold our state's values and reject this harmful bill. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Chair Weissman, members of the committee,
My name is Olegario Contreras and I am a Colorado resident. I am writing to
OPPOSE SB 25-047.

I am a Colorado resident **and** the son of immigrants. The son of laborers. The son of fighters, compelled by an overwhelming sense of hopelessness and destitution to trek hundreds of miles to a land of dreams, angels and opportunity. Compelled to always fight for a better life. Not for themselves, but for their family. For their children. For me. Now I carry this torch of overwhelming hopelessness and destitution and I too choose to fight. Fight for a better life. Fight for a world that my parents were promised and never given. We are living through a moment in history where time seems to move backwards. Texts from my mom, now a United States Resident, asking for advice on what to do if she gets detained. A conversation we all believed we'd long left behind. Turning on the news and seeing a law and practice we thought years ago we had eradicated is now being resurrected.

I refuse to let this go any further back. I and so many here and around the great state of Colorado have fought, worked, struggled, and rightfully earned too much to let this state undo years of progress and effort LED by the people. FOR the people. Let it be known that any progress this bill makes is NOT led by US. You all have seen the thousands gathered outside of these very doors screaming, chanting, crying out for a better world. A world without ICE, without the criminalization of existence, A world without state-sponsored violence against non-violent people. Hard-working people, Mothers, Daughters, Sons, Fathers. Our most vulnerable, all targets under this atrocious piece of legislation.

When the las "Show Me Your Papers Law" was enacted, Colorado law enforcement agencies reported a total of 145,183 people to ICE over a six year period, between 2006-2011. Thousands of immigrants in Colorado were arrested and charged with minor offenses such as failure to use a turn signal, jaywalking, and "disturbing the peace", put into ICE detention, and eventually deported. This does not make our communities safer.

I speak to the committee but I also to anyone else reading right now. Asking themselves how we got here and how we will get out. I remind us ALL that **greed** has gotten us here. And THE PEOPLE will get us out. Senators, it is your decision to choose who you truly represent. Your vote today will show us all who you truly work for. I hope you choose to vote WITH the people and reject this step into a world we here today said no to over a decade ago. I implore you to choose the people over greed and hate and vote **NO to SB25-047** Thank you.

February 24, 2025

Mr. Chair Weissman, members of the committee,

My name is Paola Ortiz, and I am a Colorado resident. I am writing to OPPOSE SB 25-047. I am appalled that a new version of the “Show Me Your Papers” law is being reintroduced into the state legislature. This previous legislation wasted resources, encouraged law enforcement officers to engage in racial profiling and intimidation, and instilled a deep sense of fear within our immigrant communities. I DO NOT want to see this oppressive and fear-mongering air return to our communities, therefore, this bill should NOT be allowed through your committee.

I am currently a teacher at a Colorado school that primarily serves an immigrant community. My students are some of the brightest, funniest, and most passionate humans that I have had the pleasure of interacting with. Despite most of them coming from humble backgrounds and navigating entirely new experiences, they show up to school everyday with a deep desire to grow and improve. These children are deeply motivated to succeed, as they have experienced detriments sometimes unimaginable to you or I. Their families have gone through extreme sacrifices to improve their own lives and those of their children. Teaching is social work, and I believe that every child, regardless of any component of their identity, is entitled to a comprehensive and rigorous education that will prepare them to become citizens of the world.

This proposed legislation will have a directly negative impact on school children throughout the state of Colorado. Already, we have seen attendance decrease with the actions of the current administration. Families are afraid to send their children to school, as they worry for their child’s safety and their own while they transport themselves to and from schools. In introducing a new version of the “Show Me Your Papers” law, you would be directly increasing this fear. Under the previous legislation, thousands of immigrants were charged with minor offenses, placed into ICE detention, and, eventually, deported. These people committed “crimes” like jaywalking, failing to use a turn signal, or “disturbing the peace”, things that you and I would pay a fine for and continue on with our day. Immigrant families already live in constant fear of losing the opportunity in our country that they struggled so much for. Increasing fear in our communities deprives children from an education that they need and deserve. Entire immigrant communities, regardless of their status, will feel afraid of being out in their communities; they will worry about how they will be perceived and antagonized based on their appearance.

Colorado’s children should not be deprived of the education they deserve. Colorado’s children should not bear the brunt of this newly acceptable, racist hatred that we see exemplified all over the country. As representatives of the state of Colorado, you should be working to ensure that our communities, and especially our children, feel safe enough to continue making Colorado a place

that we are all proud to call home. Please do the right thing for Colorado and do not allow this bill through your committee.

Sincerely,
Paola Ortiz