

## **HB56 Talking Points**

### **The costs of this law are astronomical at a time when our state can't afford it.**

- HB56 would invite costly legal challenges and reduce state income.
- HB56 would tarnish our state image and reputation.
- HB56 would have immediate and long-term negative impact on Alabama tourism.
- HB56 will create a negative incentive for every business in the state NOT to hire immigrants for jobs and repel foreign investors.

### **HB56 wastes limited law enforcement resources and diverts police attention away from addressing serious crimes.**

- HB56 adds new, expensive mandates to arrest and detain immigrants, which would require extra training of law enforcement officers and supervision.
- HB56 would create a climate of fear and hinder the work of Alabama law enforcement.
- HB56 would put an undue, unnecessary burden on local law enforcement.
- HB56 would sabotage local police in performing their core mission of protecting public safety by undermining the trust of the communities they serve.
- HB56 discourages people from turning to the police when they need to, even to report crimes.

### **HB56 violates our values.**

- HB56 is unworkable and doesn't address our real needs.
- HB56 will not address any of the serious challenges that Alabama faces right now. It won't balance our budget, create more jobs, provide quality health care, retain or recruit professionals and workers to our state, educate our children, or protect our environment.
- HB56 makes every city, county and state employee immigration enforcement officers and makes that their primary responsibility. This will make it very difficult for many state employees to perform their regular duties and complete their work of the citizens of Alabama.

### **HB56 is an insult to our nation's and state's commitment to equal treatment under the law.**

- HB56 unlawfully gives state and local police the power to engage in a broad range of immigration enforcement actions that are, and should remain, a federal responsibility.
- HB56 increases the likelihood of arbitrary arrest and detention. It is directly at odds with the United States' obligations under the U.S. Constitution and international human rights law.
- HB56 is inherently discriminatory and violates current Alabama laws against racial profiling due to the vague nature of the terms "reasonable suspicion" and "probable cause". We are a state with a proud heritage and we refuse to be criminalized based on the color of our skin.

### **HB56 offers false promises.**

### **What we need are real solutions to fix our nation's broken immigration system.**

**Alabama legislators should join Colorado, Virginia, Kentucky, New Hampshire and Wyoming and refuse to support such harmful legislation.**

**Alabama taxpayers should not have to pay to defend a law that is unconstitutional.**

**This is a federal matter and can only be solved by the federal government.**

