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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Thomas C. Creighton

DATE:

February 9, 2011

SUBJECT:

Cosponsorship - Power of Law Enforcement Legislation

In the near future, I will introduce legislation to help support law enforcement authorities when dealing with individuals with questionable immigration status. Specifically, my bill provides that:

- o no official or agency of the Commonwealth or political subdivision shall adopt a policy that limits or restricts enforcement of federal immigration law to less than the full extent of that allowed by federal law;
- when a law enforcement officer has lawfully stopped, detained or arrested an individual suspected of being in the United States illegally, a complete, full and appropriate attempt shall be made to verify the individual's immigration status with the federal government;
- o if an individual who is in the United States unlawfully is convicted of a violation of state or local law, upon discharge from imprisonment, the individual shall be transferred to federal custody; and
- o a law enforcement officer, with or without warrant, may arrest an individual if the officer has probable cause to believe that the individual has committed an offense that makes the individual removable from the United States.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Suzanne Stuck at sstuck@pahousegop.com or 787-3879.