



National Border Patrol Council

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The Honorable Mo Brooks
United States House of Representatives
1230 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Brooks:

I am writing to express support for H.R. 3151, the Arrest Statistics Reporting Act of 2015, which would enhance the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) tracking and reporting of data on criminal activity by illegal immigrants in the United States.

The National Border Patrol Council supports developing better tools to understand trends in crime committed by illegal aliens. Overall, in fiscal year 2014 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deported 177,960 convicted criminals. Of this number, 91,037 were arrested by the Border Patrol trying to illegally enter this country. Another 86,923 were removed from the interior by ICE. Nearly one in five Border Patrol arrests in FY2014 were of criminal aliens.

While some data on criminal activity by illegal aliens is available for crimes handled in the federal courts, for the majority of crimes in the U.S. individuals are arrested, prosecuted, and sentenced in state and local justice systems. Without better reporting on criminal activity by illegal aliens handled at those levels, the public is left with an incomplete picture of the threat criminal aliens pose to public safety and how to best deal with this threat. H.R. 3151 is a step in the right direction in addressing this issue by expanding the FBI's tracking and reporting on arrests of illegal aliens through enhancements to its Uniform Crime Reporting program.

I appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to continuing to work with you as debate on H.R. 3151 unfolds and you move this legislation through Congress. Thank you for your efforts and for considering our thoughts.

With kindest regard I am,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Judd", is written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Judd
President
National Border Patrol Council