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Good afternoon Chairman and members of the Committee,

I would like to begin by thanking the members of this committee who have met with me and expressed concerns for law enforcement and the needs of our officers. In particular I would like to say thank you to Ranking Member Grassley.

Americans should understand that this legislation only guarantees legal status for illegal aliens. It contains no promise of solving our nation's immigration problems; no guarantee of stronger enforcement on our nation's interior, or its borders. It ignores the problems that have doomed our current immigration system to failure.

I testify today without having the opportunity to read this bill in its entirety as the Gang of 8's rush to pass this bill denies their fellow Americans the time and means of effectively studying the bill and adding input.

This legislation was crafted behind closed doors with big business, big unions and groups representing illegal aliens – groups with their own interests. Groups that stand to make millions from this legislation. Anyone with a significantly different opinion on immigration reform was prohibited by the Gang of 8 from having input.

Lawmaking in our Nation has indeed taken a strange twist, as Senators invite illegal aliens to testify before Congress, and groups representing the interests of

illegal aliens are brought in to develop our nations laws, but American Citizens working as law enforcement officers within our nation's broken immigration system are purposely excluded from the process by lawmakers and prohibited from providing input.

Last week, desperate to be heard, Border Sheriffs, Interior Sheriffs, deputies and Immigration Agents all came to Washington, DC with the hope that the Gang of 8 would hear their concerns. They held two meetings on two separate days; not one member of the Gang of 8 attended.

Last week, when I respectfully asked a question of the Gang of 8 at their press conference, I was escorted out by police and Senate Staff; I was spoken to with anger and disrespect. Never before have I seen such contempt for law enforcement officers and I have seen from the Gang of 8.

Suffice it to say, following the Boston terrorist attack, I was appalled to hear the Gang of 8 telling America that its legislation is what America's law enforcement needs.

Since 2008, President Obama has ignored many of the immigration laws enacted by Congress, and has instead created his own immigration system that unlawfully provides protections for millions of illegal aliens. Of course, Congress has done nothing to stop the President, and I submit to everyone that America will

never have an effective immigration system, as long as Presidents and their appointees are permitted to ignore the United States Congress and pick and choose the laws they will enforce, and indeed enact their own laws without Congress through agency policy. This bill does nothing to address these problems. In fact, unbelievably it gives far greater authority and control to the President and the Secretary of DHS. Exactly the opposite of what our country needs to create a consistent and effective immigration system. If the laws enacted by Congress are not enforced by the Executive, America has no promise of future enforcement. That much is certain.

- Currently at ICE, Immigration Agents have filed a lawsuit against DHS and ICE because both have refused to enforce the immigration laws enacted by Congress.
- Agents cannot arrest individuals for entering the United States illegally, or overstaying a visa.
- Agents are prohibited from enforcing laws regarding fraudulent documents and identity theft by illegal aliens.
- Agents are not permitted to arrest public charges.
- Agents are forced to apply the Obama dream act not to children in schools, but to adult inmates in jails. Releasing criminals back into communities -

Criminals who have committed felonies, who have assault officers and who prey on children.

- At an alarming rate, ICE deportation numbers have plummeted since 2008; evidence that interior enforcement has in large part been shut down.

Contrary to reports by presidential appointees at ICE and DHS.

In closing, my initial impression of this bill thus far is that in large part it appears to have a lot of loopholes. Everything from Gang activity, to arrest records, to criminal backgrounds and fraudulent activities – at many levels are acceptable or waiver able under this bill. The entry exit system doesn't even utilize biometrics making it ineffective yesterday. We already know aliens are engaged in illegal activities that will bypass this system.

At a time when Congress is proposing legalization for millions, I think Americans expected stronger enforcement across the board that would prevent another wave of illegal immigration.

Unfortunately, in terms of enforcement and providing for public safety, I think this bill is going to fall short. In terms of legalization and eventual citizenship for 11 million illegal aliens I think its success is guaranteed.

Thank you and that concludes my testimony