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To Whom It May Concern;

The Western States Sheriffs' Association represent sheriffs in sixteen states west of the Mississippi River. As Sheriffs, we take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and our own individual state. That means that we take an oath to support the rule of law.

The Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article VI), clearly states that the laws made pursuant to the U.S. Constitution take precedence over any laws enacted by any of the states. This means that the so called "Sanctuary State" law in Oregon is in direct violation of Federal Law.

This is why we are in support of Oregon Ballot Measure 105. It corrects a flaw with current law in the State of Oregon.

Opposition to Ballot Measure 105 will tell you stories about persons who were not legally in the United States but were arrested when they tried to report a crime or became the victim of a crime. However, according to the Federation for American Immigration Reform, "There is simply no documented evidence indicating that any illegal alien has ever been deported solely as a result of reporting a crime or volunteering information to the police."

Without the rule of law, we have nothing but anarchy. It is important that we, as Sheriffs, support initiatives that follow that rule of law.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Ben Wolfinger
President – Western States Sheriffs' Association