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## Talking Points about U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton's Decision on SB 1070

**This ruling is a great victory for all Arizona residents and visitors.**

I praise the decision by Judge Susan Bolton. With this ruling, Judge Bolton agrees with what we have said all along: that SB 1070 is unconstitutional and is a violation of civil rights. Her decision confirms that immigration is a federal responsibility.

As a local elected official, I am responsible for working on laws that are within my responsibility and jurisdiction. Just as I would not want to preside over foreign policy or purport to have the ability to vote on a U.S. Senate confirmation, I would not interfere with federal jurisdiction.

**Judge Bolton halted four of the more egregious provisions of SB 1070 from going to effect.**

With this ruling, police officers will not be required to verify the immigration status of all individuals arrested. Additionally, it will not be a crime for failing to carry immigration documents. It will not be a crime for an undocumented immigrant to look for work or be caught working without a permit, and deportations will be decided by courts not police officers.

**The fight against SB 1070 must continue.**

Judge Bolton's ruling is only a partial and temporary decision. It halts implementation only until a full hearing is held on the DOJ lawsuit. Additionally, her decision did not strike down several other provisions which went into effect the following day.

**This decision is a message to other states considering similar legislation.**

They will be challenged in court, and the costs will be incurred by local governments like mine that are least able to afford it. This diverts scarce resources during these trying economic times.

**The law highlights the urgent need for federal action on immigration reform.**

Arizona Governor Jan Brewer has already appealed Judge Bolton's decision. The solution to fixing our nation's broken immigration system is not a hodge podge of state laws, but rather comprehensive immigration reform.

We urge Congress to make comprehensive immigration reform a reality. Comprehensive immigration reform accomplishes what we all want: fair and humane treatment of ALL individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity and/or immigration status.