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Rep. Gary Miller to Obama Administration: Get the Facts Right on Arizona

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Department of Justice announced that it has filed a lawsuit against the State of Arizona for the enactment of SB 1070, the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act. Following this announcement, Congressman Gary Miller released the following statement:

“The Department of Justice’s challenge to the Arizona immigration law is baseless—just check the facts and read the bill.

“While DOJ officials have claimed Arizona’s law promotes racial profiling, the law expressly prohibits racial profiling four separate times. It would also be beneficial for Arizona’s opponents to take note that illegal by definition is a crime, not a race.

“In addition, DOJ claims that the Arizona law requires non-citizens to carry identification that they wouldn’t otherwise be required to carry. However, federal law requires non-citizens, including visitors and Green Card holders, to keep their registration documents with them at all times. The Arizona law simply requires non-citizens to follow the federal law!

“DOJ officials have also claimed that the Arizona law will grant sweeping authority to police officers to stop people on the streets in order to question them about their immigration status. However, individuals may not be stopped simply on suspicious grounds and asked for their papers. The Arizona law only takes effect if and after a police officer has made a lawful stop, detention or arrest in the enforcement of any other law or ordinance of a county, city or town.

“All in all, it is clear this lawsuit reveals the Obama administration’s contempt for immigration laws, the people of Arizona, and for the majority of the American people who support Arizona’s efforts to reduce human smuggling, drug trafficking and illegal immigration. Arizona has taken a reasonable and constitutional approach to dealing with a problem that has been ignored – and exacerbated – by the Obama administration.”

Today, Rep. Gary Miller and several colleagues sent a letter to Attorney General Holder opposing the Administration’s decision to sue Arizona. To read the letter, [click here](#).

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