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****Conference and Press Call: Wednesday, April 21st at 2:00 PM
EDT****

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Police Chiefs Warn Pending Immigration Bill in Arizona Threatens Public Safety

*Playing Politics with Immigration Enforcement Limits
Ability to Fight Violent Crime and Sets Dangerous
National Precedent*

On **Wednesday, April 21st at 2:00 PM EDT**, leading law enforcement professionals from across the country, including a former chief of the Mesa Police Department, will hold a telephonic press conference to explain how S.B. 1070, approved last week by the Arizona House of Representatives, would undermine public safety. The unprecedented Arizona bill would force police to ask the immigration status of anyone they suspected to be undocumented and allow citizens to sue law enforcement agencies if they felt agents weren't sufficiently enforcing immigration laws.

Over the past year, a chorus of law enforcement professionals has spoken out about the burden local immigration enforcement places on police and the need for reform of the broken immigration system. As other states are already rumored to be considering similar legislation, police chiefs on the call will weigh in on how bills like the one in Arizona strain limited resources and destroy the public trust needed to track down violent criminals.

WHO: **George Gascón**, Chief of Police, San Francisco, CA,
former chief of the Mesa, AZ Police Department
Harry Dolan, Chief of Police, Raleigh, North Carolina
Richard Myers, Chief of Police, Colorado Springs, CO
Arturo Venegas, Jr., Executive Director, Law
Enforcement Engagement Initiative and former
Sacramento Police Chief (*moderator*)

WHAT: Police Chiefs Denounce Immigration Bill in Arizona

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