

Recognizing the Value of Diversity of Our Community Policy

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To Select Board,

I came to this country legally from Brazil 33 years ago, and I am proud to be a naturalized US citizen. My work for the last 15 years has been on the frontlines of the immigration system, specifically the immigration court system. These facts have allowed me to be exposed to the inner dynamics of the immigration issue.

I urge this distinguished board to refrain from partaking in measures that will place the town in the crosshairs of the federal government. We should not be placing political ideology ahead of federal laws designed to protect the communities from criminal aliens.

All the federal government has to do is make use of the recently obtained trifecta and pass laws against towns that chose the no-cooperation path. By aproving such a policy, the town would officially provide the feds with the evidence they need to prioritize coming after it by withholding funds and potentially filing federal criminal charges. I do not believe this is sound policy.

We most certainly should show compassion to those that really deserve it. That is why there is an entire court system in place to vet the candidates for such relief. What we cannot do is take a stance that will draw the attention of bad actors who will come here to harm our residents and defraud our private and public systems for their personal benefits.

Thank you,

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