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We have just learned that a substitute amendment will be offered at tomorrow's Senate Judiciary Committee markup of Louisiana Senator David Vitter's "Stop Sanctuary Cities Act" (S. 1814) that would deny CDBG, COPS, and SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program), to sanctuary cities as defined in the bill. Committee Chairman Charles Grassley of Iowa is offering the substitute on behalf of himself and Senator Vitter.

The bill defines a sanctuary city broadly and could affect as many as 300 jurisdictions. It defines a sanctuary city as a state or local jurisdiction which:

- has a policy that prohibits or restricts sending to, or receiving from the Department of Homeland Security information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual, or
- fails to comply with a detainer or a notification request about the release from custody of an alien made by DHS.

In addition, the bill would establish a five-year mandatory minimum penalty for all undocumented persons who have been deported and return to the country illegally.

We ask that you contact your Senators and urge them to oppose this legislation. You may want to provide them information on how important these programs, particularly CDBG and COPS, have been to your city and how harmful this punitive legislation would be.

A list of Senators on the Judiciary Committee is below. Please contact your Senators regardless of whether they are on the Committee. If they are not, urge them to let their colleagues on the Committee know of the harm this legislation would do.

Please contact the Conference's Director of Public Safety, Laura DeKoven Waxman, at lwaxman@usmayors.org with any questions or to report any feedback you get. As always, thanks for your help.

Judiciary Committee

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