

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: _____ ORGANIZING UNIT: _____ PRECINCT: _____

Proposed by (name & contact info): _____

Proposed Resolution: Support the North STAR Act

Presented to Precinct Caucuses in Minnesota, February 27, 2024

Whereas: Minnesota is home to over 500,000 non-citizen residents hailing from all over the globe. They are our neighbors, friends, family, and coworkers. They work, pay taxes, and contribute billions of dollars to state revenue every year, yet many are subject to arbitrary and prolonged detention, exorbitant bail, or even deportation as a result of even trivial interactions with local law enforcement.

Whereas: Blurring the lines between law enforcement and immigration enforcement erodes trust between immigrants and police, uproots loved community and family members from their chosen homes, and enables racial profiling. This is the opposite of safety, and doing better by immigrant communities in Minnesota benefits us all.

Whereas: The North STAR Act aims to protect immigrants in Minnesota by prohibiting state and local law enforcement from using state resources for the purpose of civil immigration enforcement. This includes sharing data or accepting federal funds that would require such cooperation.

Whereas: Immigrants who feel their lives or families will be put at risk by interacting with state agencies are unlikely to report crimes to themselves or in their communities and less likely to access public services to which they are entitled, making all communities less safe and less healthy.

Whereas: Law enforcement officials who feel empowered to detain non-citizens are highly likely to engage in race-based profiling of communities, further eroding relations between communities of color and law enforcement.

Whereas: The state of Minnesota has benefited economically and culturally from new arrivals and is, even today, recruiting from outside the state to fill vital jobs in health care, education, and food production sectors.

Whereas: We are at the start of a Presidential election where one candidate has publicly stated his intent to commandeer state resources to build and fill detention centers across the country.

Whereas: The North STAR Act was introduced in the 2024 Legislative Session (HF3459/SF3516) by lead authors Rep. Sandra Feist and Senator Omar Fateh.

Be It Resolved: That the _____ urges the Minnesota State Legislature and Governor to pass the North STAR Act in the 2024 Legislative Session to protect our immigrant neighbors and keep our communities whole.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS: ADOPTED DEFEATED

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