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Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry L. McFadden's Response to Governor Cooper's Veto of HB370

(CHARLOTTE, NC) --I applaud Governor Cooper on the veto of HB370. The bill is unconstitutional and would steal the authority of all Sheriffs to make those discretionary decisions that all Sheriffs are elected to make on behalf of their constituencies.

HB370 would negatively impact public safety in Mecklenburg and other counties whose citizens provided a clear mandate to end 287(g) and to stop honoring ICE detainers. I continue to believe that this misguided and ill-advised bill would threaten the trust that I have spent a career trying to build between law enforcement and the community, including the immigrant community.

My goal remains to work with all law enforcement agencies, state and federal prosecutors, and the judiciary, to implement plans and programs to keep the community safe. If the legislature overrides the Governor's veto and HB370 becomes the law, I will, of course, direct the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office to abide by it as we do all laws. But for the people of Mecklenburg County I sincerely hope that day never comes.