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Sheriff McFadden Responds to House Speaker Destin Hall Filing HB-318

Charlotte, N.C. - "After reviewing the initial draft of HB-10 a few months ago, I anticipated that Speaker Hall and others in Raleigh would introduce additional amendments and new bills to address the gaps I identified.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of communication, collaboration, and dialogue with those directly affected—particularly sheriffs who could help address these anticipated issues—those gaps persist, as seen in HB-318.

Instead of continually revising immigration legislation year after year, why not develop a more comprehensive immigration reform bill? As we've seen numerous times, deportation alone is failing. Rushed and poorly conceived broad proposals, drafted without input from local sheriffs who are actively engaged in immigration, crime, and social justice matters, fail to produce effective solutions or foster real community engagement.

Then there's the glaring issue—the significant financial burden these bills impose on communities through unfunded mandates, like HB-10 and HB-318. It only makes sense to involve all sheriffs, including those labeled as 'WOKE', to help craft efficient policies that work.

Again, without meaningful collaboration, communication, and cooperation, I'll be left waiting until the bill becomes law—only to point out the same kinds of gaps I identified in HB-10. HB 318 is not law yet and when it becomes law, I will follow that law and continue to cooperate with ICE.

We all say that we are fighting for safe communities. I have been fighting for this cause for four decades, but we must respect each other's opinions and put party affiliation and politics to the side."

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