



**AILA recommends that Senators vote NO on
S. 3100 “Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act” (Senator Toomey)
and S. 2193 “Stop Illegal Reentry Act (“Kate’s Law”) (Senator Cruz)
when they come to the floor today**

These bills would not help local law enforcement keep their communities safe, but in fact will undermine public safety. They do not propose realistic solutions to our nation’s immigration system. Rather, they are extreme measures that are contrary to American values of ensuring due process as guaranteed by the Constitution. These bills take an enforcement-only approach that is not only costly to American taxpayers but also ineffective and unworkable.

S. 3100 will not improve public safety.

- S. 3100 would undermine local policing efforts designed to foster trust between police and residents in order to root out crime.
- S. 3100 would punish localities by withholding millions of dollars in federal infrastructure, economic development and public housing grants that bolster struggling low income communities and are unrelated to crime prevention.
- S. 3100 seeks to insulate rogue officers like Sheriff Joe Arpaio who have used detainers and immigration authority as way to pursue abusive, discriminatory tactics aimed at immigrant communities.
- S. 3100 embodies an enforcement-only, mass deportation approach and attempts to deputize local law enforcement officials to arrest undocumented immigrants. Even worse it seeks to insulate rogue officers like Sheriff Joe Arpaio who may act in a discriminatory way.

S. 2193 ties the hands of judges and prosecutors by creating mandatory minimum sentences that would break the bank.

- S. 2193 creates mandatory minimum sentences that will remove appropriate authority from judges.
- S. 2193 will cost U.S. taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in federal prison costs and will lock up thousands of non-violent people.
- S. 2193 creates “one size fits all” justice and inevitably produce sentences that do not fit the particular facts and circumstances of both the offense and the person who committed it. Mandatory minimum sentences frequently produce irrational and excessive punishments and contribute to unwarranted sentencing disparity.

Both S. 3100 and S. 2193 are out of touch with the vast majority of the American public.

- An [October 2015 Pew Research poll shows](#) that 74 percent of Americans favor legalization. These bills are out of step with our country.
- Other Senators have introduced similar versions of these proposals multiple times but have not gained broad support. In fact, the Senate already rejected a bill introduced last year by Senator Vitter that combined the ideas in S. 3100 and S. 2193. [Both Republicans and Democrats have expressed concerns about the approach.](#)
- Congress should pass comprehensive immigration reform. The American people want it, and it’s what will make our nation stronger and safer.