Contrary to its stated purpose, Senator Vitter’s “Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act,” S. 2146, would not help local law enforcement keep their communities safe, but in fact will undermine public safety. S. 2146 does not propose realistic solutions to our nation’s immigration system. Rather, the bill is an extreme measure and takes an enforcement-only approach that is not only costly to American taxpayers but also ineffective.

Americans want solutions not rhetoric. Currently 3 out of 4 Americans favor broad reforms to the immigration system including legalization of those who are out of status. By contrast, S. 2146 only fans anti-immigrant divisions and divides communities.

**Senator Vitter’s bill will not improve public safety.**

- S. 2146 bill would punish localities by withholding millions of dollars in federal grants upon which sheriffs and police chiefs rely to keep their communities safe.
- S. 2146 would undermine local policing efforts designed to foster trust between police and residents in order to root out crime.
- Law enforcement, faith, and domestic violence leaders oppose this approach.
  - National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women
  - Letter from 700 faith leaders
  - Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force letter
  - National Fraternal Order of Police Letter
  - US Conference of Mayors Letter
- S. 2146 targets public housing grants that benefit rural and urban low income communities and are unrelated to crime prevention.

**S. 2146 is 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. S.2146 is out of step with our country.
- S. 2146 embodies an enforcement-only, mass deportation approach and attempts to deputize local law enforcement officials to hold undocumented immigrants. Even worse it seeks to insulate rogue officers like Sheriff Joe Arpaio who may act in a discriminatory way.
- Senator Vitter has introduced similar versions of this proposal multiple times but has not gained broad support. Both Republicans and Democrats have expressed concerns about it.
- Congress should pass comprehensive immigration reform. The American people want it, and it’s what will make our nation stronger and safer.

**S. 2146 ties the hands of judges and prosecutors by creating mandatory minimum sentences that would break the bank.**
• S.2146 creates mandatory minimum sentences that will remove appropriate authority from judges.

• S. 2146 will cost U.S. taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in federal prison costs and will lock up thousands of non-violent people.