

Texas Conservative Grassroots Coalition Supporting a Ban on Sanctuary City Policies

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The Honorable Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor, State of Texas

Texas Senate GOP Caucus:

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Hand-delivered Communication

Re: Request for Senate Concurrence with Amended SB 4 passed by the Texas House

Dear Governor Patrick and Members of the Senate GOP Caucus:

First, we wish to express gratitude to Senator Charles Perry and the Senate GOP Caucus for the passage of SB 4 out of the Senate in February. Thank you for taking a principled stand that has the potential to save many lives.

Governor Dan Patrick, we also are thankful for your unwavering and passionate support for banning dangerous sanctuary city policies in



Texas. You have been the strong voice for law and order that Texas has needed for a very long time. You have ably articulated the dangerous nature of sanctuary city policies. ***Because of your longstanding relationship with us***, you are also keenly aware that the conservative Texas grassroots movement has worked since 2011 to get a sound bill passed and signed into law.

We've heard every political excuse to cover past failures, but now, we're happy the rest of Texas and the nation finally caught up with the conservatives signing this letter! Finally, people understand the public safety hazards and the national security risks of policies that shackle local law enforcement and encourage safe harbors for those exploiting the revolving door for deported criminal aliens who come in through a wide-open, unsecure border.

As we write this letter, it is 28 days until *sine die*. We therefore have a strong sense of urgency to get SB 4 to Governor Abbott's desk. This sense of urgency has escalated since our friends at Heritage Action alerted us today that a budget deal has allegedly been reached in Washington DC that will avoid a shutdown and keep the wheels of the DC establishment greased until September. The CR (continuing resolution) ***fully funds sanctuary cities and has not a dime included to fund President Trump's promised border security wall***. Once again, GOP leadership in DC kicks the proverbial can down the road, surely angering the American people who voted for border security and the rule of law last November!

Now, more than ever, it is time for Texas to demonstrate strong leadership for the rest of the nation. We therefore strongly support SB 4 as amended and passed by the Texas House on April 27, 2017, and **urge the Texas Senate to concur with this strong bill banning sanctuary policies**, sending it straight to Governor Abbott for his signature.

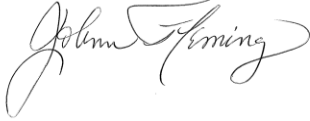
Sending the bill to conference committee will give adversaries a golden opportunity to once again run out the clock on the session, ***or produce a watered-down, toothless, fake ban that the Texas grassroots will not accept.***

We applaud Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick for their courageous support for a ban on sanctuary cities. Both have repeatedly made the case to stop this lawlessness in numerous appearances on national television and talk radio. ***The conservative Texas grassroots are ready to help our Governor and Lt. Governor keep their promises to the people of Texas and to the nation.***

Let's get this done now! Please concur with the Texas House and claim a victory that will also help President Trump as he encounters roadblocks to his federal ban on sanctuary city policies. ***It's time for Texas to lead the nation back to enforcement of the rule of law!***



Sincerely, the undersigned supporters of SB 4 as passed by the Texas House,*



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