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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, As part of a recent policy trend, certain cities and states within the United States enacted procedures designed to limit cooperation with or involvement in federal immigration enforcement actions; and

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WHEREAS, In January of 2020, the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) changed its policy and stopped notifying U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the release of individuals from the DOC who had valid detainer warrants; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to this policy change, ICE worked with the IDOC and local law enforcement agencies to prevent those convicted felons who migrated into the State illegally after being released into the community upon completion of their sentence; and

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WHEREAS, Those individuals, convicted of felony crimes and who are in the country illegally, are being released directly into the community with no notification to federal authorities or local law enforcement; such actions jeopardize the general public safety within specific Illinois communities; and

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WHEREAS, Such individuals have been convicted of felony offenses, including murder, rape, sex offenses, child

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1 pornography, and weapons offenses; and

2 WHEREAS, The policy was changed by the Illinois Department  
3 of Corrections without adequate notice and without sufficient  
4 explanation to the immigration authorities and local law  
5 enforcement agencies, which had previously worked valiantly  
6 with the immigration authorities to keep our communities safe;  
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8 WHEREAS, Continued reduction of such regulations may yield  
9 to further desecration of public safety within the State of  
10 Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge Governor JB Pritzker to  
14 instruct the Illinois Department of Corrections to comply with  
15 federal law and allow the DOC to continue to work with ICE and  
16 local law enforcement agencies; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
18 presented to the Governor, the Speaker of the Illinois House,  
19 the President of the Illinois Senate, the Illinois Senate  
20 Minority Leader, and the Illinois House Minority Leader.