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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 1.6 million members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), I urge you to oppose all four bills set to be marked up in the House Judiciary Committee this week: H.R. 1147, the "Legal Workforce Act;" H.R. 1149, the "Protection of Children Act of 2015;" H.R. 1153, the "Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015;" and H.R. 1148, the "Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act." We oppose them because they do not include an achievable pathway to citizenship for the 11 million immigrants living in and contributing to our society, and because they each represent deeply flawed immigration policy.

H.R. 1147, The Legal Workforce Act, is an enforcement-only approach that fails to provide safeguards to ensure that U.S. citizens and authorized immigrants are not falsely identified as working in our country illegally. It mandates that all U.S. employers use the E-Verify system much too quickly, which will have numerous deleterious effects, including forcing authorized U.S. workers to spend weeks and possibly months resolving errors, often resulting in lost hiring opportunities and wages. This error-prone E-Verify system would also push more workers and businesses into the underground economy.

H.R. 1149, The Protection of Children Act, and H.R. 1153, the Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act, represent a departure from our country's commitment to protecting children and the most vulnerable. Together, they harm children by mandating the detention of unaccompanied minors without providing them with access to meaningful due process rights, and fail to protect those who have been subjected to trafficking, violence, child abuse, neglect or abandonment, and other crimes. They also raise the legal bar for asylum seekers to seek safety from harm in their home countries by remaining in the U.S.

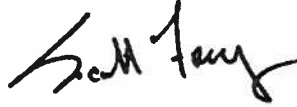
H.R. 1148, The Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act, is just as extreme as the previous SAFE Act. It is a costly, deportation-only approach to immigration policy that should be rejected. It would, for the first time, criminalize immigrants' mere presence in our country, damage public safety by preventing unauthorized immigrants from coming forward if they are victims or witnesses to crimes, increase racial profiling, and place a heavy financial burden on state and local governments.

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AFSCME urges all members of the House Judiciary Committee to reject all four bills under consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Frey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "F".

**Scott Frey
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