



ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: Section 287(g) Program

Dear Sheriff _____:

Over the last few years, the United States has witnessed an unprecedented and disastrous influx of illegal immigration. This has led to a serious strain on federal and state resources, while also permitting the permeation of crime throughout our communities. That is why I am writing to encourage you to consider applying for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's ("ICE") Section 287(g) program. The federal 287(g) Program works in collaboration with law enforcement agencies through voluntary partnerships with state and local officials, authorizing designated officers to perform limited immigration enforcement functions within the confines of their own jurisdiction.

This program enhances collaboration between ICE and local law enforcement to protect the homeland from illegal aliens who threaten the safety of our communities and the integrity of federal immigration laws. Over the last few years this made this program has become virtually inoperable due to burdensome bureaucratic red tape. However, after numerous conversations with senior officials within the Department of Homeland Security I am confident that the program will be overhauled and streamlined to make it more user friendly to your respective departments.

As the chief prosecutor of South Carolina, I share the same sentiment as you about keeping our citizens and communities safe. This is an utmost priority, and we are called to faithfully uphold the laws and Constitutions of this State and the United States.

I believe that in 2025 this newly revamped 287-G program will allow state law enforcement agencies to work hand-in-glove with the federal government to ensure that our laws are faithfully upheld. It will enable immigration enforcement to effectively resume and ensure that South Carolina will be safe from criminal illegal aliens. For your reference, South Carolina currently has three counties that have already enrolled in the program. This is a good start, and I strongly encourage your participation for the safety of South Carolinians.

Enclosed, please find more information about the 287(g) Program, as well as a letter of interest that can be forwarded to the regional ICE attaché for the 287(g) Program.

If you need further assistance on this matter, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

Alan Wilson
Attorney General

Enclosures