

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA), Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, today released the following statement following the announcement that the Department of Justice had filed suit to overturn Arizona's immigration enforcement law, S.B. 1070.

“It is no surprise that President Obama has ordered the Attorney General to challenge Arizona’s valid immigration enforcement law,” said King.

“Following Christian Adams’ new revelations about a Department of Justice improperly driven by racial considerations, the only surprise is that Obama’s DOJ did not act to overturn the will of the people of Arizona sooner. After all, the President and the Attorney General were quick to condemn this law before reading it.”

“With the filing of this lawsuit, it is clear that the Department of Justice would rather represent the interests of the ACLU, the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) and the Muslim American Society, than the interests of the American people. The decision to challenge Arizona’s law is just the latest evidence of this Administration’s determination to seek the support of minority voters by politicizing race.”

□ **“Americans would be better served by an administration that utilized our resources on securing the border and enforcing the rule of law. This DOJ lawsuit joins examples like the dismissal of the voter intimidation case against the ‘New Black Panthers’ as further evidence of the Administration’s political abuse.”**

“Despite DOJ’s allegations made in the complaint, nothing in the Arizona law violates the US Constitution or the Arizona Constitution nor does federal law pre-empt Arizona’s right to enforce federal immigration laws. SB 1070 was carefully crafted to ensure that it would withstand Constitutional challenge. I believe that Arizona’s law will withstand the scrutiny of the courts.”

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