Washington, D.C.—Congressman Steve King (R-IA) responded today to the Department of Justice's lawsuit against Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County.

"In May, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed suit against the State of Arizona regarding SB 1070, Arizona's immigration enforcement law. Two months later, the Department of Justice followed the ACLU's lead and filed a different suit against the State of Arizona. It is no surprise that DOJ is again letting the ACLU call the shots. In August 2009, the ACLU filed a suit against Sheriff Arpaio for racial profiling. And today, Assistant Attorney General Tom Perez announced DOJ's suit against Sheriff Arpaio and Maricopa County for racial profiling."

"This is a blatant political move by a Department of Justice that is already over politicized. The DOJ is charged with enforcing the law and defending the interests of the United States, but instead they have decided to legally harass a State, a Governor and a Legislature that is trying to enforce our nation's immigration law. "

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