Congressman Steve King today responded to news that the Department of Homeland Security has stripped Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio of the authority to patrol for illegal immigrants.

“The Department of Homeland Security is now telling law enforcement officials to ignore our laws so this Administration’s political agenda can be achieved. Disregarding immigration law enforcement will result in more drunk drivers, more murders and move violent crimes. The Department of Homeland Security and the Administration will be directly responsible for this increase in criminal activity.

“ACORN, the ACLU and La Raza have protested Sheriff Joe Arpaio and have attempted to keep him from doing his job. This decision shows that this Administration is willing to prevent a sheriff from enforcing the law in order to capitulate to these radical special interest groups. The ‘open borders’ Obama Administration continues to posture itself in favor of amnesty over the Rule of Law. President Obama should overturn this decision and allow Sheriff Joe to continue to do his job.”