

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement today in reaction to the Supreme Court's decision to strike three of the four key provisions of the Arizona Immigration law, SB1070.

"Today the Supreme Court preserved the most important component of the Arizona law- the provision that allows lawenforcement, when reasonable suspicion standards are met, to request that an individual produce identification and verify their immigration status," said King. "This is a significant win when it comes to efforts to increase enforcement of our nation's immigration laws. However, I have serious concerns about the other side of today's ruling, which struck down three other provisions of SB 1070. The three provisions were written to mirror and support federal immigration law.

Today's decision makes it harder for states to protect their citizens from the crime wave of illegal immigration driven by drug smuggling. I will now look for a statutory fix that will empower the states. The President refuses to enforce immigration law himself, and he doesn't want anyone else to enforce the laws either."