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Regarding the June 18 front-page article "Alabama law casts a long shadow":Alabama has made it a crime for undocumented immigrants to purchase a home, pay a utility bill or sign a contract - the latest case of Republicans blatantly advocating for big-government measures whenever it advances their political agenda.

Whether it is through ignorance or an impudent disregard for personal freedom, conservatives who claim to love liberty use their power to implement roadside checkpoints and to require drivers to provide their immigration status to authorities.

If we believe in the American values of equality, the free market and liberty, we would agree that, in Alabama at least, conservatives are the biggest threats to social and economic freedom.

Natural rights are held by all, not just by those who carry around their identification papers.

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