# ACTION REQUEST AND FACT SHEET KENTUCKY SB 6 IMMIGRATION BILL

### **FIRST**

Call 1-800-372-7181 (7:00 A.M.- 11:00P.M.)

EN ESPAÑOL 1-877-739-5556

and leave a message for Greg Stumbo and YOUR legislators! After you call them, send them an email! http://www.lrc.ky.gov/whoswho/email.htm

(You may be asked to provide your contact information)

Message: "I am calling to urge Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_ to oppose Senate Bill 6. This bill is bad for ALL Kentucky families and businesses. Thank you."

• If you need to identify your current state reps: <a href="https://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp">https://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/index.jsp</a>

#### **SECOND**

Please contact as many people as you can who will also make calls and leave a simple message

House Judiciary Committee members include the following (with counties they represent following). Persons from these counties should contact members NOW.

- Rep. John Tilley [Chair]; Christian/Trigg Counties (part)
- Rep. Joseph M. Fischer [Vice Chair]; Campbell (part)
- Rep. Sara Beth Gregory [Vice Chair]; McCreary, Pulaski (part), Wayne
- Rep. Darryl T. Owens [Vice Chair]; Jefferson (part)
- Rep. Brent Yonts [Vice Chair]; Christian (part), Hopkins (part), Muhlenberg
- Rep. Johnny Bell; Barren, Warren (part)
- Rep. Jesse Crenshaw; Fayette (part)
- Rep. Kelly Flood; Fayette (part)
- · Rep. Jeff Hoover; Clinton, Pulaski (part), Russell
- Rep. Joni L. Jenkins; Jefferson (part)
- Rep. Thomas Kerr; Kenton (part)
- Rep. Stan Lee; Fayette (part)
- Rep. Mary Lou Marzian; Jefferson (part)
- Rep. Tom Riner; Jefferson (part)
- Rep. Steven Rudy; Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman, McCracken (part)

# THIRD: Mark your calendars

February 8—Lobby and Rally Day in Frankfort
Gather at 9am for lobby training
10am Lobby your legislators
11.30pm Polly and Pross Conference

11:30pm Rally and Press Conference

Next organizers meeting: January 22, 2:00. Americana Community Center 4801 Southside Drive

# **Fact Sheet on SB6**

# SB 6 will seriously harm Kentucky and all Kentucky residents because:

- -SB 6 will target anyone for detention who does not speak English or who appears to have been born outside the US. One of the main sponsors of the legislation said a person's inability to speak English could provide "reasonable suspicion" the person is an "unauthorized alien." This will lead to detentions of individuals who are authorized to remain in the US, such as someone on a visa, a permanent resident, or even a citizen. Law enforcement officers are not instructed of the many legal statuses that exist for those who are not citizens. Unlawful detentions and arrests will occur on a regular basis.
- -SB 6 will target anyone (including citizens and permanent residents) who "assists" an undocumented worker or his undocumented children. This would include a religious person who transports an undocumented worker to a religious service, or a friend who transports an undocumented child to a doctor's office. Also, any assistance that could encourage someone to "reside in" KY is prohibited. This would include an organization that provides food a needy undocumented family, or a language instructor who provides English language classes to an undocumented child. The offender is forced to pay a \$500 or \$1,000 fine. And transporting an undocumented worker or child to obtain the needed service will lead to seizure of the auto.
- -SB 6 will cost our state treasury untold millions in lost tax revenue, increased expenses to enforce the new law, and legal fees in a futile attempt to uphold its constitutionality. The Senate proponents recklessly decided not to consider the estimated costs of the legislation prior to passage, claiming that was not important.
- -SB 6 will mean millions of dollars in lost foreign investment, a loss of groundbreaking researchers at our universities, fewer foreign students at our universities, and tens of thousands of fewer foreign visitors each year. Many foreigners will not want to step foot in our state if they fear detention or arrest on suspicion of being an "unauthorized alien." We will gain a worldwide reputation as an unwelcoming, racist, and mean-spirited state.
- -SB 6 will make hamper cooperation with local police by the immigrant communities. The National Association of Police Chiefs has criticized similar laws. Police Chiefs understand that many immigrant crime victims will think twice about reporting crimes or cooperating with police it they fear racial profiling or bias in application of the law. Victims of domestic violence, who may fear for their lives, will have no place to turn if they suspect they could be arrested by police for having an undocumented status.
- **-SB** 6 does nothing to solve the problems created by our broken immigration system. Only reform of our outdated and unresponsive immigration laws can greatly reduce the number of undocumented workers in the U.S., in a manner consistent with our nation's values of common decency, justice and fair play.