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The Opposition to HB 87 and Arizona Copycat Laws in Georgia:

1. The Georgia Farm Bureau

The Georgia Farm Bureau "maintains that enforcement of immigration laws and border security is a responsibility of the federal government and reform of the law is a high priority." It is opposed to HB87, because "[I]f immigrant labor were to avoid the state of Georgia, there would be major economic consequences within large segments of agriculture."¹

2. The Georgia Restaurant Association

The Georgia Restaurant Association is opposed to HB87. The GRA's position statement on immigration is that it "supports comprehensive immigration reform, but only at the federal level, including increased border security, a workable employment verification system, a worker program and an earned path to permanent residence for certain undocumented immigrants." ²

3. The Government Contractors Association

The Government Contractors Association is opposed to HB87, because it "sends the wrong message for economic development and will cause negative economic consequences. Our members need every competitive edge to emerge from our recession."

4. The Georgia Agribusiness Council

Bryan Tolar, president of the **Georgia Agribusiness Council**, is critical of HB87, emphasizing the agriculture industry's need for workers.³

5. The Libertarian Party of Georgia

The LPG believes HB87 will have "catastrophic effects on the economic well-being of the state, as well as in the lives of its residents if passed."⁴

¹ The GFB's February 8, 2011 Statement is online at http://www.gfb.org/aboutus/immigration.html

² Available at http://www.garestaurants.org/position

³ Reported in the Macon Tribune, available online at http://www.macon.com/2011/02/27/1466818/immigration-bill-worries-agribusiness.html

⁴ Statement is available online at http://www.lpgeorgia.com/blog.php?article=200

6. The Asian American Legal Advocacy Center

The AALAC points to independent studies of E-Verify to support its testimony that passage of HB87 will "cripple small businesses and deplete our revenue base."

7. The Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials, the Latin American Association, and the Mexican American Business Chamber are opposed to HB87 and SB40.⁵

8. The Anti-Defamation League

The Anti-Defamation League is opposed to HB87 and SB40, because of their likelihood to "result in discriminatory biased-based policing" and will break the trust that is needed for immigrant communities to approach and interact with local police.⁶

9. The Georgia Hotel & Hospitality Association⁷

The Georgia Hotel and Hospitality Association is opposed to HB87 and SB 40 because of the potential loss of tourism dollars if Georgia is "blackballed" by conventions and tourists. Other states such as Arizona and South Carolina have experienced similar losses due to harsh laws targeting immigrants.

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce is opposed to HB 87 and SB 40.8

11. The Georgia branch of Associated General Contractors of America

"We would just urge you to be very cautious as you move forward and not put business in harm's way while trying to address a real problem," said Mark Woodall, director of governmental affairs for the Georgia branch of the Associated General Contractors of America, which represents commercial construction companies.⁹

12. The Catholic Conference of Georgia

Frank Mulcahy, Executive Director of the Georgia Catholic Conference, testified against the bill in committee because of its impact on Catholic Church ministries. Mulcahy said the impact on many church ministries, from driving youth to a confirmation retreat, taking a soccer team to a game or taking a sick person from a homeless shelter to a hospital, would be devastating and criminalize acts of charity. ¹⁰

⁷ http://www.savannahbusinessjournal.com/news/local-politics/1017-opposition-to-crack-down-on-georgias-illegalaliens-at-savannah-hearing

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⁵ Available online here: http://www.galeo.org/story.php?story_id=0000007906

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⁹ http://www.ajc.com/news/georgia-politics-elections/georgia-businesses-express-caution-830719.html

¹⁰ http://www.georgiabulletin.org/local/2011/03/03/GCCagainstimmigrationbill/



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