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Dear Cobb Delegation Members,
Dear Senate Public Safety Committee Members,
Dear House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee Members,

My office has been made aware of the contents of SB 320 and the language in the legislation that would require Georgia law enforcement to make judgments on the "legal entry" of aliens, the "validity" of foreign drivers licenses and to inspect immigration papers, including foreign passports.

Having served as a law enforcement officer since 1977, I take my sworn oath to uphold and honor the law very seriously. I am concerned that deputies and officers across the state are not trained nor equipped to honor the responsibilities assigned to law enforcement in SB 320. Over the last few days, I have checked with representatives of our county police department and the Georgia Sheriffs Association only to learn that they were also not aware of this bill or its ramifications.

I want to encourage you and your colleagues to carefully consider the implications for law enforcement if SB 320 continues in its current form. My staff and I will be glad to work alongside the legislature as well as other law enforcement agencies to address concerns with this bill.

Please feel free to call on me to assist with this effort.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Neil Warren".

Neil Warren
Sheriff, Cobb County, Georgia

cc. Mr. Sam Heaton, Cobb County Public Safety Director
Mr. Terry Norris, Executive Director Georgia Sheriff's Association
Mr. D.A. King, the Dustin Inman Society