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The Honorable Gina Hinojosa
Texas House of Representatives
EXT E2.316
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768

Dear Representative Hinojosa:

The North Austin Civic Association (NACA) voted unanimously at our January 19, 2017 meeting to send the following letter to its elected state officials.

Law enforcement officials have long recognized the importance of trust and cooperation between municipal police and the local immigrant population. Senate Bill 4, filed by Texas Senator Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) has filed a bill (Senate Bill 4) that threatens to compromise that trust by requiring local law enforcement officials to cooperate with the federal government, particularly the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency, to assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

The North Austin Civic Association (NACA) is home to a large and vibrant immigrant population and would be directly affected by this bill. We believe that passage and enforcement of this bill would have an adverse impact on the safety and well-being of our community, degrading trust with local law enforcement. Our neighbors who are victims of crime and witnesses to criminal activity will be fearful to report and cooperate with law enforcement putting *all* members of our diverse community at greater risk. With these thoughts in mind, we ask that you *oppose* Senate Bill 4.

Sincerely,

Randal E. Teich
President, North Austin Civic Association