

To the Chair and Committee,
My Name is Sara Bertschinger
From Pine Island MN
and I am writing in Opposition to HF 4/SF 27

My concern lies with the overall premise of this Bill. This piece of legislation seeks to legitimize unlawful behavior. I want Immigrants to come to this county! And for their safety and well being I want them to do so by lawful means. Unlawful entry to this country puts immigrants at a sever risk for exploitation. This bill incentivizes unscrupulous perpetrators and creates victims.

This Bill presents itself as caring for immigrants; when the opposite is true. Furthermore, how is legitimizing unlawful entry fair to those who do the work to come here legally?

We are a state and nation of laws. Why is the focus on incentivizing unlawful behavior instead of working for much needed immigration reform and cleaning up the back log? Please look at the bigger picture and think about the lives of innocent people you will be effecting by enabling lawlessness.

Thank you,
Sara B.