

**Saint Anthony–New Brighton Welcoming All Families Association**  
Saint Anthony Village & New Brighton, Minnesota

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Public Safety Finance & Policy Committee

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE FILE 3413**

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*An immigrant-led, interfaith civic association engaged in local governance and community transparency initiatives.*

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Chair Moller and Members of the Committee:

The Saint Anthony–New Brighton Welcoming All Families Association respectfully submits this written testimony in support of House File 3413.

Our Association is an immigrant-led, interfaith civic organization whose members include long-standing residents, recent arrivals, small business owners, and families with children enrolled in local schools. We engage regularly in municipal and school governance processes in Saint Anthony Village and New Brighton to strengthen informed civic participation, transparency, and public trust in local institutions.

House File 3413 prohibits state, county, and local government units from entering into formal immigration enforcement agreements that authorize enforcement of civil immigration law, including agreements under 8 U.S.C. § 1103 and 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g).<sup>1</sup> The bill further requires termination of any existing qualifying agreements upon enactment.

This legislation reflects a sound structural principle. While federal immigration law remains supreme under Article VI of the United States Constitution,<sup>2</sup> states are not required to administer or enforce federal civil regulatory programs. Consistent with the Tenth Amendment and longstanding anti-commandeering doctrine,<sup>3</sup> Minnesota may decline formal deputization agreements while fully respecting federal authority.

Public safety depends upon community trust. Clear jurisdictional boundaries preserve the integrity of local governance and strengthen the relationship between residents and public safety institutions.

In our community, there is significant concern among families affected by federal immigration enforcement activity. When local departments state that they do not interfere in federal operations, residents may struggle to understand the limits of local authority and the extent of local involvement. This uncertainty can create confusion about where local jurisdiction ends and federal authority begins.

Our municipality spans both Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, and detainees may be transported across county lines depending on facility capacity. Families seeking information often face additional challenges navigating multiple jurisdictions and agencies. Clear structural limits on formal immigration enforcement agreements help reduce that confusion and preserve defined lines of accountability.

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<sup>1</sup> H.F. 3413, 94th Leg., 2026 Reg. Sess. (Minn. 2026) (proposing Minn. Stat. § 626.893; defining and prohibiting immigration enforcement agreements under 8 U.S.C. §§ 1103, 1357(g)).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Const. art. VI, cl. 2 (Supremacy Clause).

<sup>3</sup> *Printz v. United States*, 521 U.S. 898 (1997); *Murphy v. NCAA*, 584 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2018).

While House File 3413 does not regulate federal immigration enforcement itself, it provides an important safeguard by ensuring that Minnesota’s state and local governments do not enter formal civil immigration enforcement deputization agreements. For many families in our community, this structural clarity would provide meaningful reassurance that local public safety institutions remain focused on their core responsibilities.

For these reasons, the Saint Anthony–New Brighton Welcoming All Families Association respectfully urges the Committee to advance House File 3413. This legislation reinforces constitutional structure, preserves clear jurisdictional boundaries, and strengthens community trust in Minnesota’s public safety institutions.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Saint Anthony–New Brighton Welcoming All Families Association*

