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National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers Endorses HR3151 – Arrest Statistics Reporting Act

Congressman Mo Brooks (R 5th Dist. Alabama) has introduced a bill that would call for the reporting by arresting agencies of the citizenship and immigration status of criminals fingerprinted for the FBI's uniform crime report. At present, the data submitted by arresting agencies includes only place of birth, which is not an indicator of citizenship or immigration status unless the place of birth is in the USA.

NAFBPO is keenly aware of the amount of criminality and violence committed by aliens in the United States; it is both heartbreaking in its effects and inexcusable as a matter of law. One of the primary purposes of immigration laws is to protect Americans from the depredations of foreign criminals; that purpose is failing and the public is paying the price. There is no excuse for alien criminals to be allowed to stay in this country.

If legislation effective in controlling this problem is to be crafted there must be some method of collecting data beyond the anecdotal. There is no such method in place now. Congressman Brooks' bill is a step in the right direction and NAFBPO finds this an easy endorsement of legislation to make. We urge the public and its elected representatives to push for the passage of this bill.

Zack Taylor, Chairman