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Governor Roy Cooper
North Carolina Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor Cooper:

We write to you as Buncombe County Commissioners to express support for your pledged veto of HB370, an unconstitutional bill that would mandate that NC Sheriffs honor Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees.

HB370 would make it mandatory for NC Sheriffs to comply with ICE detainees, in direct contradiction to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office local policy of non compliance. Because these detainees are not tied to criminal cases, they would require local sheriffs to hold individuals without probable cause, in violation of their constitutional rights. Making sheriffs comply also erodes the community trust in local law enforcement, decreases the voluntary reporting of crime, and spreads fear throughout our immigrant communities

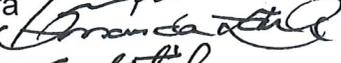
The people of Buncombe County duly elected Sheriff Quentin Miller under the mandate to fulfill his promise to keep the full community safe and specifically to not cooperate with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Our immigrant community must be able to trust and call on local law enforcement when they are in need or are in danger. Breaking that trust – as HB370 would – endangers people's safety.



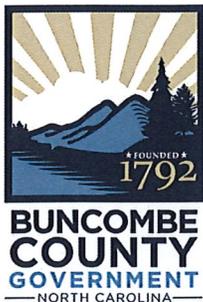
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Thank you for your pledge to veto HB370.

Sincerely,

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House Speaker Tim Moore
16 West Jones Street, Rm. 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear House Speaker Moore:

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Additionally, this bill takes away local control in two ways. It takes away local control of a duly-elected sheriff to enact policies that the sheriff determines are most conducive to local public safety. It also takes the unprecedented step of creating a mechanism for the removal a duly-elected sheriff who does not comply with HB370 from office, undermining the will of the people.

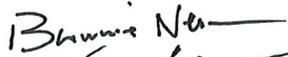
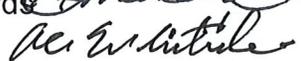
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For these reasons, we urge you to oppose HB370 and to uphold Governor Cooper's planned veto of this bill.

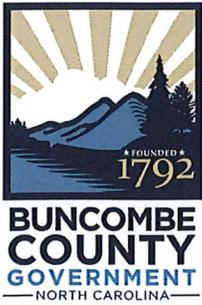
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CC: President Pro Tempore Phil Berger



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Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger
16 West Jones Street, Rm. 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601

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