

I wanted to follow up on my [previous e-update](#) regarding the Department of Justice's (DOJ) lawsuit against SB 1070, Arizona's immigration law. This week, I joined my colleague, Representative Diane Black, in cosponsoring

[H.R. 3842](#)

, which would prohibit the DOJ from using federal funds to sue states over recently passed immigration laws. I believe this legislation sends a clear message to the Administration that it should cease its attacks on states that are simply trying to protect their citizens and enforce federal immigration laws that are already on the books.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case on April 25 and will issue its decision on the Arizona law later in the year. The ruling will be especially significant because it likely will also settle the fate of laws modeled after SB 1070 that Alabama, South Carolina, and a number of other states have passed. It is my hope that the Supreme Court upholds SB 1070 and recognizes the crucial role states play in assisting with immigration enforcement—a task that Congress has explicitly authorized them to do.