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Raleigh, NC – The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police congratulates the North Carolina General Assembly for passage of House Bill 370 and is extremely disappointed Governor Cooper chose to veto the bill.

HB 370 would have required all 100 Sheriffs from North Carolina to comply with immigration detainers and administrative warrants whenever any person is charged with a criminal offense and confined for any period in a county jail, local confinement facility, district confinement facility, satellite jail, or work release unit. No longer would North Carolina Sheriffs have the option to participate but would be required by law to verify the citizenship status of anyone arrested and confined at one their confinement facilities. North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police appreciates the NC Sheriffs that have stood with our Legislators in support of HB370.

North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police feels this legislation would have made all residents of North Carolina safer by confirming that each person arrested has been verified and would not be any greater threat to the public when released after the normal bond process. Nothing in this bill was construed to deny bond to a prisoner or prevent a prisoner from being released from confinement when that prisoner was otherwise eligible for release.

To many times we have heard of arrestees being properly arrested and charged with a criminal offense and then released while a federal detainer or administrative warrant was on file for the defendant. This creates and unnecessary risk that everyone in our community faces when this occurs.

North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police has more than 6,000 members serving law enforcement agencies across the state and more than 349,000 nationwide. The FOP is the largest law enforcement officer's organization in the country where police represent police.

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