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## COMMUNITY COMMENT re Anthony Mantova (attached)

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In his Community Comment last month, Dave Douglas did an outstanding job highlighting the dangers of California Senate Bill 54, the so called "California Values Act." *His comment is available on the KINS Radio Community Comment section, where the audio is archived. It aired on March 23rd.*

If you haven't heard about this, you will soon--it's the latest bad idea from the California legislature.

A quick read of the LA Times article captures it nicely. Senate Bill 54 would stop state and local law enforcement agencies from using resources to investigate, detain, report or arrest persons for the purposes of immigration enforcement. To put it simply, this bill aims to block California's law enforcement agencies from cooperating with federal immigration officials.

The victims of this terrible bill are the police. It is obvious that our state and local law enforcement are under enough pressure. If this bill passes, and California law enforcement stop cooperating with the feds, then we can expect President Trump to withhold funding. He has made it clear that Sanctuary Cities or states are going to have a very rough time.

Another problem with this bill is that California doesn't have the means to enforce this ban. At least not correctly. How is the state legislature going to know which members of law enforcement decide to work with the feds, and which do not? Are they going to try and reallocate funding to Sherriffs departments that claim to be effected by Trumps withholding?

So you see this for the mess that it is. This Senate Bill is a good example of what's known as "virtue signalling," That's when a self-important person publicly expresses a sentiment that makes them look like they care, but doesn't typically involve any actual hard work or initiative. Examples of Virtue Signalling would be like Actor Leonardo dicaprio saying he cares about the environment, but burning up lots of fuel on his planes or yachts as he travels the globe doing so.

This Senate Bill is Virtue Signalling at it's most destructive, as it makes a group of legislators feel good, but does great harm to everybody's safety and security. With a bill so badly written, I figured there was a little more to the story.

The author of this bill is Kevin de León, the Leader of the California Senate. A controversial Los Angeles politician who raised some eyebrows earlier this year when he admitted that (QUOTE) Half of my family would be eligible for deportation (END QUOTE). Leon then goes on, justifying the use of fake ids and other illegal acts.

I'm sure that this Senate President Pro Tem carries a lot of power, but the fact that a lawmaker with an axe to grind is pushing a poorly written law that will greatly hamper California's law enforcement in their duties, is a pathetic and sad commentary on just how extreme things have gotten in Sacramento.

IF it passes, Senate Bill 54 will follow California's infamous Prop 47 and Prop 57 as just another law that makes California less safe. And the nut that wrote it, Kevin de León, is unfit for office. No matter what your political beliefs, we can agree that our state is embracing laws that defy common sense.