

# Take Action to Stop Racial Profiling in Michigan

**You have an important opportunity to voice your opposition to anti-immigrant legislation H.B. 6256 recently proposed by Michigan State Representative Kim Meltzer (R-Clinton Twp.).**

Write or call your State Representative and let him/her know your opposition.  
Go to [congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials/](http://congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials/) - and find your State representative.

**House Bill 6256 mimics Arizona’s law requiring local police to demand immigration papers from any person they perceive as undocumented. The law’s use of “reasonable suspicion” as the only criteria for these stops practically compels racial profiling. It will also force police to divert scarce resources away from promoting public safety and solving serious crimes.**

See United Methodist General Board of Church & Society, Faith In Action April 28, 2010 for information on opposition to Arizona’s passed legislation and position of United Methodist for a comprehensive comprehensive immigration reform – Go to [www.umc-gbcs.org/](http://www.umc-gbcs.org/) -

**SEE SAMPLE LETTER** – (you can personalize this)

Dear State Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Currently, nothing stands in the way of law enforcement's right to investigate real criminal conduct and activity within the limits of our Constitution. Michigan's proposed immigration law goes too far by aiming to transform Michigan into a police state where all people who look or sound "foreign" are at risk of being treated like criminal suspects. The proposal is out of step with the American values of fairness and equality for all people.

Furthermore, if passed, Rep Meltzer's anti-immigration policy will not only violate sacred civil liberties it will also pose a huge financial burden to our state at a time when we can least afford it. Law enforcement's already scarce resources will be diverted away from promoting public safety and solving serious crimes in order to investigate false threats.

Michigan's proposed immigration legislation is discriminatory, unfair and inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution and will come at a high cost to both Michigan taxpayers and to our civil liberties. I strongly oppose any effort to adopt Representative Meltzer's proposed legislation, or any similar legislation, in our state.

Thank you for the invitation to submit commentary on this important civil rights issue.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[City, State ZIP]