Wisconsin Farmers Union

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Take Action on Section 287(g) Agreements in Wisconsin

Want to take action on 287(g) agreements in Wisconsin? *Contact your county Sheriff's Office. These agreements are reversible and because Sheriffs are elected positions, public pressure could push them to reverse an active agreement at the county level.*

Not in a county with an active agreement? *Use the template at the bottom of this document to send a proactive message to your county's Sheriff.*

These Wisconsin counties have active 287(g) agreements:

Find a mailing address or email for your county's Sheriff's Office and send your letter. You may also choose to deliver letters in person.

County	Sheriff
Brown	Todd Delain
Calumet	Brett Bowe
Dodge	Dale Schmidt
Dunn	Kevin Bygd
Fond du Lac	Ryan Waldschmidt
Green Lake	Mark Podoll
Kenosha	David Zoerner
Kewaunee	Matt Joski
Langlade	Mark Westen
Manitowoc	Daniel Hartwig
Marathon	Chad Billeb
Marquette	Joseph Konrath
Outagamie	Clint Kriewaldt

Sauk	Chip Meister
Sheboygan	Matt Spence
Walworth	Dave Gerber
Washington	Martin Schulteis
Waukesha	Eric Severson
Waushara	Walter Zuehlke
Winnebago	John Matz
Wood	Shawn Becker

TAKE ACTION! If you live in one of the counties with an active 287(g) agreement, use the template letter below to write your county Sheriff's Office and tell them you oppose 287(g).

Hello, my name is [NAME] and I live in [COUNTY].

I'm writing because I am concerned that the [COUNTY] Sheriff's Office has signed a Section 287(g) agreement with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Under these agreements, local police officers are emboldened to act as ICE agents, allowing them to investigate immigration status, detain individuals, and begin deportation processes.

I am a [FARMER/RURAL RESIDENT] and I oppose the active 287(g) agreement in our county because Wisconsin agriculture depends heavily on immigrant labor. Fear of deportation harms farmworkers, their families, and rural economies and our community relies on immigrant families as neighbors, church members, and local business supporters. Additionally, 287(g) agreements increase stress and instability for mixed-status families working in agriculture.

The [COUNTY] Sheriff's Office performs vital services for rural communities. The 287(g) agreement redirects officers in a way that leaves gaps in the services they typically provide. 287(g) is also eroding trust between local officers and [COUNTY], undermining public safety. Immigrant families, and those who employ immigrants, may fear reporting crimes or cooperating with law enforcement because of the 287(g) agreement.

287(g) agreements are reversible, so I am calling on Sheriff [NAME] to terminate the 287(g) agreement between ICE and [COUNTY].

Thank you for your time.

Not in a county with an active agreement? Find the contact email for your county's Sheriff's Office and use the template below to send a proactive message.

Template letter for counties <u>without active</u> 287(g) agreements:

Hello, my name is [NAME] and I live in [COUNTY].

I'm writing because I am concerned about Section 287(g) agreements that 13 Wisconsin counties have signed with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Under these agreements, local police officers are emboldened to act as ICE agents, allowing them to investigate immigration status, detain individuals, and begin deportation processes.

I am a [FARMER/RURAL RESIDENT] and I oppose 287(g) agreements because Wisconsin agriculture depends heavily on immigrant labor. Fear of deportation harms farmworkers, their families, and rural economies and our community relies on immigrant families as neighbors, church members, and local business supporters. Additionally, 287(g) agreements increase stress and instability for mixed-status families working in agriculture.

The [COUNTY] Sheriff's Office performs vital services for rural communities. Signing a 287(g) agreement would redirect officers in a way that leaves gaps in the services they typically provided. 287(g) also erodes trust between local officers and [COUNTY], undermining public safety. Immigrant families, and those who employ immigrants, may fear reporting crimes or cooperating with law enforcement because of 287(g) agreements.

I am calling on the [COUNTY] Sheriff's Office to continue operating <u>without</u> a 287(g) agreement and am urging Sheriff [NAME] to <u>not</u> sign a 287(g) agreement in the future.

Thank you for your time.