



City of Columbus Legislation Report

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Version: 1 **Controlling Body:** Habash

File Name: U.S. House of Representative Resolution 4437 **Introduced:** 3/10/2006

Requester: **Cost:** **Final Action:**

Auditor Cert #: **Auditor:** When assigned an Auditor Certificate Number I , the City Auditor, hereby certify that there is in the treasury, or anticipate to come into the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified hereon, to pay the within Ordinance.

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Floor Action (Clerk's Office Only)

Mayor's Action

Council Action

Mayor

Date

Date Passed/ Adopted

President of Council

Veto

Date

City Clerk

Title:

To oppose United States House of Representatives Resolution 4437 because of its potentially divisive and difficult impacts upon our city.

Sponsors:

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History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Council Drafter	3/10/06	Sent to Clerk's Office for Council	City Clerk Inbox			

EBOCO: Following review and approval, when required, the Equal Business Opportunity Commission Office certifies compliance with Title 39 as of date listed.

City Attorney: Following review and approval, when required, this ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office as to its form and legality only.

Explanation

Title

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Body

WHEREAS, Columbus is a community committed to tolerance of all people regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, and

WHEREAS, Columbus is home to an extensive network of social service providers that strive to lift up all members of our community, and

WHEREAS, On December 16, 2005 the United States House of Representatives approved Resolution 4437, the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Act, that makes it a federal felony to be an undocumented immigrant living and working in the United States, and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 4437's broad definition of "smuggling" would allow the federal government to prosecute almost any American having casual contact with an undocumented immigrant, and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 4437 could potentially make criminals out of local social service providers and church groups that provide food, shelter or other assistance to undocumented immigrants, social workers who assist undocumented workers who are victims of domestic abuse, co-workers that give an undocumented immigrant a ride to work and a U.S. citizen who is living with a spouse who is an undocumented immigrant, and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 4437 could hamper the provision of vital city services by diverting limited homeland security funding away from our police and fire first responders to enforcement of the proposed law, and

WHEREAS, By criminalizing all undocumented aliens, they and their families will no longer know whether they can contact the police to help them in an emergency, and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 4437 is now under consideration in the United States Senate; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That Congress should defeat House Resolution 4437 and instead consider more compassionate alternative measures to respond to the issues raised by undocumented workers.

The City Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to Senators DeWine and Voinovich.