

The Honorable Jan Brewer
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

We, the membership of the Justice Studies Association (JSA), write to you to strongly express our condemnation of Senate Bill 1070 which you signed into law on April 23, 2010. By criminalizing failure to carry proof of U.S. citizenship or legal status, this punitive, enforcement-only legal measure not only fails to address the issue of unauthorized immigration, it creates other more serious problems. It fosters a culture of racial and ethnic profiling and racial and ethnic discrimination, and contributes to the disenfranchisement of the Latino and other community members (both citizens as well as undocumented residents). This law also presses local and state law enforcement officers to enforce federal immigration law.

The JSA is a not-for-profit membership association established in 1998 to foster progressive writing, research, practice, and activism in all areas of criminal, social, and restorative justice. We are an organization of scholars, educators, and practitioners who seek through our actions, practices, writing, research, and everyday life to explore and develop social arrangements and ways of life that promote justice, security, and peace without violence. We seek in our writing and practices to restore people to wholeness through interpersonal as well as social structural change. In addition, we seek *ethical* solutions for the social problems afflicting our communities and country. Many of our members are experts on, and have a particular concern with, the issue of immigration as indicated by our 2009 annual conference held in Albany, New York with the theme "Immigration, Sanctuary, and Worlds without Borders."

JSA believes that Arizona Law SB1070 is a form of racial and ethnic profiling and discrimination because law enforcement officers will have to rely on physical appearance, language, and accents in enforcing the law. Indeed, on the related issue of ethnic discrimination, we are well aware that the Arizona Department of Education has recently instructed school districts to remove from classrooms teachers whose spoken English it deems to be heavily accented. In our endeavors to attain a more just society we are saddened and dismayed by Arizona's misguided practices and sentiments against people of Hispanic background.

Thus, until Senate Bill 1070 is rescinded or found to be unconstitutional, the JSA will refrain from holding its annual conference and all other meetings, or soliciting the services of any entity, in Arizona. We support the boycott of travel to and products produced in the state.

Sincerely,