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## **Support S. 1038, the End Racial Profiling Act (ERPA)**

Before there was even a name for it, racial profiling has been engrained in our country's law enforcement practices. Racial profiling not only goes against our Constitution and our country's value of equality – it also hinders law enforcement officials from doing their job. Racial profiling is something many Americans deal with on a regular basis and Congress should make it a priority to end the practice in this country by passing the End Racial Profiling Act. See link to Senate bill <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c113:S.1038>.

### ***What ERPA Does***

The legislation enforces the constitutional right to equal protection under the law by eliminating racial profiling through changing the policies and procedures underlying the practice by:

1. Providing a prohibition on racial profiling, enforceable by declaratory or injunctive relief (private right of action);
2. Mandating training on racial profiling issues, data collection on all routine or spontaneous investigatory activities submitted to Department of Justice (DOJ) via standardized form;
3. Conditioning federal law enforcement funds on adoption of effective policies that prohibit racial profiling;
4. Authorizing DOJ to provide grants for the development/implementation of best policing practices that discourage profiling (i.e. early warning systems, technology integration, and other management protocols);
5. Requiring the Attorney General to provide periodic reports assessing the nature of any ongoing discriminatory profiling practices.

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