WASHINGTON— U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor, D-Ariz., issued the following statement today in reaction to Judge Susan Bolton's ruling on Senate Bill 1070:

"I am pleased with U.S. District Court Judge Bolton's decision to issue a preliminary injunction that will prevent the core provisions of Senate Bill 1070 from taking effect," Pastor said. "The implementation of these provisions would have seriously interfered with federal immigration enforcement causing irreparable harm to the people of Arizona. Under the Constitution, the federal government has the exclusive authority to set immigration policy."

"Therefore, I remain hopeful that a permanent injunction will eventually be issued on the grounds that these provisions are constitutionally preempted by federal law."

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