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Agema appointed to task force for border security and immigration reform

Panel to host hearings for statewide initiatives

State Rep. Dave Agema has been selected to serve on the Michigan Task Force on Border Security and Immigration Reform, which will host public hearings statewide to collect safety concerns from Michigan residents and communities that can be addressed by improved state policies.

“We have been awakened to a new world since the 9-11 attack, with increasingly frequent incidents of terrorism acts and terrorist plots uncovered across the globe,” said Agema, R-Grandville. “Taking precautions and constant vigilance is the first line of defense, so we want to make sure Michigan and its border and coastlines are secure.

“We also want to ensure there are effective, efficient policies that address immigration issues that can pose challenges and even threats to our communities and residents.”

The task force on border security and immigration reform has a mission to gather information from relevant agencies, organizations and Michigan residents on how the illegal immigration issues impact the security and quality of life in Michigan. The first hearing will be held on Monday, July 23, at 11 a.m. in Port Huron. Further meeting times and places will be announced later this month.

Additional lawmakers on the task force include Chair Phil Pavlov, St. Clair Twp.; Dave Robertson, Grand Blanc; and Chuck Moss, Birmingham.

The effort is part of five legislative panels charged with traveling the state and talking to people and policy experts about issues impacting our state and the quality of people’s lives.

Other task forces include Michigan Tourism Task Force; Michigan Small Business Task Force; Michigan Government Reform Task Force; and Michigan Child Protection Task Force.