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NEWS RELEASE

Archdiocese of Santa Fe Opposes Amendment R-24-45

ALBUQUERQUE – Monday, June 3, 2024—IMMEDIATE RELEASE— The Archdiocese of Santa Fe does not support the proposed amendment, R-24-45 because it will discourage and may prevent the undocumented immigrant from seeking help from local law enforcement, jeopardizing not only the safety and well-being of undocumented persons but also of others.

Recall the actions of a local undocumented man who, in 2011, rescued a six-year-old girl from a kidnapping attempt by a pedophile, in effect saving her life.

[nbcnews.com/id/wbna44206940](https://www.nbcnews.com/id/wbna44206940)

[cnn.com/2011/US/08/19/new.mexico.kidnapping/index.html](https://www.cnn.com/2011/US/08/19/new.mexico.kidnapping/index.html)

[al.com/wire/2011/08/new_mexico_hero_who_saved_girl.html](https://www.al.com/wire/2011/08/new_mexico_hero_who_saved_girl.html)

This man's heroic action, reported by the national news networks, may not have happened if he had been fearful of his engagement with the police, solely due to his immigrant status.

This amendment will not make Albuquerque safer; it will instead produce conditions that will further affect public safety for all its residents.

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