
An Open Letter to the People of Alabama Calling for the Repeal of HB 56

When Alabama removed the confederate flag from the state capitol, the world noticed. This declaration of a new day opened the door to international investment bringing hundreds of thousands of good jobs to hardworking Alabamians.

Quite simply, intolerance was bad for business, while brotherhood put Alabamians to work.

But Alabama's new anti-immigrant law, HB 56, has set Alabama back again.

This unnecessary attack on immigrants and Latino families has left crops rotting in the fields, cut consumer demand and has created an unwelcoming business climate. A new study by the University of Alabama shows that the state stands to lose up to \$11 billion because of HB 56 — an amount equivalent to seven years of state general fund expenditures.

Alabama's major auto manufacturers all have a strong commitment to the diverse communities who buy their cars. For Alabama workers and international manufacturers alike, it is imperative that "Made in Alabama" remain a mark of excellence to consumers around the world and that Alabama remains a stable and forward thinking place to do business.

That is why we, the undersigned civil and human rights and labor organizations have called upon on **Mercedes, Hyundai Motor Company** and **Honda** to join our effort to urge Alabama legislators to repeal HB 56.

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