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Mr. John Quinones, Reporter
20/20 News Magazine
147 Columbus Ave
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Mr. John Quinones:

I have seen a portion of your piece set to air tonight on 20/20 which shows how you *think* SB 1070 (Arizona's new immigration law) will be enforced in Arizona by law enforcement professionals. This "staged reporting" couldn't be further from the truth. In fact, your story is replete with untruths and conjecture and has several nefarious motives – to enflame the public – to embarrass the State of Arizona in front of a national audience not unlike what New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg did earlier this week– and to bring discredit to law enforcement professionals in general.

This staged and silly report depicts a security guard who walks into a Tucson taco house demanding to see proof of the patron's citizen papers because some of the people there "look Mexican" and if they are in the U.S. illegally, your actor claims they "should be deported."

No law enforcement officer properly trained in SB 1070 rules and regulations would ever conduct himself in such a manner. If there were proof that one of my deputies did what this story shows, he would be severely disciplined and would likely lose his/her job. Law enforcement professionals cannot inquire about someone's immigration status simply because we think someone may be here illegally. That's what your story leads your viewers to believe and it is summarily untrue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Arpaio".

Joseph M. Arpaio
Sheriff
