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Members of the public and the Chippewa County Board Executive Committee expressed concern and confusion about plans to relocate refugees to the Chippewa Valley in December 2023.

US Rep. Tiffany aims to empower local officials

USA TODAY NETWORK

U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany, a Republican candidate for governor, is again introducing legislation that would bar federal authorities from placing refugees in areas where state or local officials have taken action to oppose the idea.

Tiffany, who is seen as the frontrunner in the 2026 GOP primary for governor, introduced the bill Dec. 3. He introduced the same bill nearly a year ago, but it did not go anywhere.

"America is generous, but no com-



Tiffany

the final say in the refugee resettlement process now and into the future."

The bill bars refugees from being placed

munity should be blind-sided or have its resources stretched thin because the federal government made the decision for them to resettle refugees," Tiffany said in a statement.

"This commonsense legislation ensures that the people most affected have

in states where the governor or state Legislature have passed legislation banning the move, or in municipalities where local officials have taken similar action.

Tiffany introduced the bill the same week President Donald Trump insulted Somali refugees as "garbage" in remarks that drew heavy criticism.

"When they come from hell, and they complain and do nothing but bitch, we don't want them in our country. Let them

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Court to examine if sheriffs can hold for ICE

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The state Supreme Court will consider whether a handful of Wisconsin county sheriffs are violating immigrants' civil rights by detaining them in their jails at the request of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

On Wednesday, at least four justices agreed to take up a case filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin and immigrant rights group Voces de la Fron-

tera against five sheriffs who have agreed to hold people sought for immigration action or deportation.

The announcement did not say how the justices voted, but liberals hold a 4-3 majority, and conservative justices Annette Ziegler and Rebecca Bradley dissented.

Parties to the case have 30 days to file briefs with the Supreme Court.

In a statement, ACLU senior staff attorney Tim Muth praised the court for taking up the case directly, noting the time-sen-

sitive nature of the lawsuit.

"ICE continues to send hundreds of these detainees to Wisconsin jails, and people throughout the state are being illegally held for days so that ICE can pick them up," Muth said. "ICE sends detainees even for people who have never been convicted and only have minor charges pending in Wisconsin courts."

The lawsuit, filed in September, argues that when county sheriffs detain people for immigration offenses after any holds

for state law violations expire, that constitutes a new arrest, which state law does not allow them to make.

State law expressly prohibits local law enforcement from making civil arrests, except for in narrow cases, the lawsuit states.

The five sheriffs named in the lawsuit are: Dave Gerber of Walworth County; Todd Delain of Brown County; Chad Billeb of Marathon County; David Zoerner of

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