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## Revised immigration plan would target millions more

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WASHINGTON — Millions of people living in the U.S. illegally could be targeted for deportation — including people simply arrested for traffic violations — under a sweeping rewrite of immigration enforcement policies announced Tuesday by the Trump administration.

Any immigrant who is in the country illegally and is charged or convicted of any offense, or even suspected of a crime, will now be an enforcement priority, according to Homeland Security Department memos signed by Secretary John Kelly. That could include people arrested for shoplifting or minor offenses.

The Trump administration

memos replace more narrow guidance focusing on immigrants who have been convicted of serious crimes, are considered threats to national security or are recent border crossers.

Under the Obama administration guidance, immigrants whose only violation was being in the country illegally were generally left

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## Stoney's executive assistant resigns

Convicted of embezzling, he violated probation by sending menacing texts

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Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney's office said late Tuesday that the mayor had accepted the resignation of an executive assistant with a criminal record after it became public that the man had been found guilty of a probation violation for sending threatening text messages.

On Monday, Stoney said he hired Steven Hammond Jr., who was convicted of embezzling \$240,000 from the state in 2015, because he "believes in redemption."

But Stoney said Tuesday that he was not aware Hammond was called back before U.S. District Judge John A. Gibney Jr. in February 2016 after telling the mother of his children in a series of text

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## House bill would allow investigation of jail deaths

Duty would fall on Board of Corrections; inspector general could be included

BY MICHAEL MARTZ  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

The state Board of Corrections would be empowered to investigate inmate deaths in local and regional jails under a compromise the House Appropriations Committee approved this week.

The bill, which the panel unanimously approved Monday, also would reconstitute the board to

ensure expertise in mental health and allow it to ask the Office of the Inspector General to conduct jail death investigations, unlike the still-unexplained death of Jamychael Mitchell about 18 months ago in Hampton Roads Regional Jail.

The General Assembly refused to reappoint Inspector General June Jennings almost two weeks ago, because lawmakers were

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## Rep. Brat jeered, hailed at lively town hall in Blackstone



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ABOVE: An audience member held up a protest sign during Rep. Dave Brat's town hall in the Nottoway County town of Blackstone on Tuesday night. TOP: Brat, R-7th, took question after question from the crowd for an hour.

Constituents had been calling for the congressman to meet since November

BY PATRICK WILSON  
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BLACKSTONE — He was jeered. He was, at times, applauded. He charged through it all, at times smiling and being a good sport even when his audience booed.

Rep. Dave Brat, R-7th, took pointed questions on health care, President Donald Trump and many other topics for an hour Tuesday night at his first town hall since the November election.

### Brat goes on the road

Go to [Richmond.com](http://Richmond.com) to see video from Tuesday night's town hall.

"I don't mind boisterous. I'm having fun!" Brat proclaimed toward the end of his town hall, in which he was repeatedly interrupted.

A large group of protesters gathered outside while the crowd inside the banquet room at Blackstone Herb Cottage squawked and shouted as Brat took question after question,

read by town Mayor William D. Coleburn. The restaurant said there were 200 seats in the banquet room for the town hall.

Coleburn walked into the restaurant after the town hall and joked that it would make his town's next budget meeting easy, by comparison. The town is in Nottoway County, on the southern edge of Brat's 7th Congressional District. Nottoway was one of three counties added to the 7th in redistricting.

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## Cuccinelli joins effort to overturn utility rate freeze

BY ROBERT ZULLO  
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With a just a few days remaining in the 2017 General Assembly session, conservative former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli joined a bipartisan, but sparse, group of lawmakers Tues-

day to pressure Gov. Terry McAuliffe to undo 2015 legislation that halted utility rate reviews by the State Corporation Commission.

"He was part of making this mistake in 2015, and it's extremely appropriate that he be part of fixing it," Cuccinelli said.

The 2015 law, Senate Bill 1349, which Democrat McAuliffe signed, ostensibly was to help Dominion Virginia Power and Appalachian Power weather the costs of President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, intended to reduce

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