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Opposed to this measure. Renting to someone who is illegally in the country (and who might be deported without much notice) imposes risk on a landlord, so asking that question is reasonable, as it might prompt additional follow-up questions, just like asking if a person has a felony conviction and if so, asking further questions to determine in an individualized assessment whether the conviction is relevant to the rental situation and in an effort to decide if the nature of the conviction poses enough risk to warrant a denial of agreement to rent. In either case, perhaps neither immigration status nor felony conviction status is enough in and of itself to make a determination, but it is a useful question as a starting point to determine if there is more to the story that is relevant. OPPOSE.