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Dear Mr. Bragg:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of state and local jurisdictions that endanger American communities through their refusal to cooperate with federal immigration officials and their prioritization of illegal and criminal aliens over American citizens. We write to request information about your office's sanctuary policies, which ultimately endanger the communities you serve.

During your tenure, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office has routinely undermined the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. For years, your office has openly given preferential treatment to aliens based solely on their immigration status.<sup>1</sup> In your first days in office, you announced "special procedures for cases involving" dangerous foreign nationals.<sup>2</sup> You specified that your office would "seek dispositions that avoid immigration consequences for all misdemeanors, and all felonies for which non-carceral outcomes are the presumptive outcome."<sup>3</sup> In practice, these sanctuary policies ensure that criminal aliens can remain in the United States instead of facing deportation.

You have also advocated for laws that not only prevent immigration enforcement but also imperil law enforcement, the community, and aliens alike. To protect communities from dangerous foreign nationals, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests criminal aliens in courthouses, which "is safer for law enforcement because these criminals have gone through security and been verified as unarmed."<sup>4</sup> The arrests are also safer for the community because they ensure criminal aliens are not free to reoffend. Even Biden-Harris Administration

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<sup>1</sup> Memorandum, Achieving Fairness and Safety, from District Att'y Alvin Bragg to All Staff (Jan. 3, 2022), <https://www.manhattanda.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Day-One-Memo-w.-cover-page.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Press Release, DHS Makes Common Sense Courthouse Arrests of Criminal Illegal Aliens, Dep't of Homeland Sec. (May 6, 2025), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/05/06/dhs-makes-common-sense-courthouse-arrests-criminal-illegal-aliens>.

ICE officials confirmed that arresting criminal aliens inside a courthouse is safer for law enforcement, the public, and the aliens themselves.<sup>5</sup> Nonetheless, you have endorsed prohibitions on arresting criminal aliens at courthouses, falsely claiming that the policy is detrimental to law enforcement and public safety.<sup>6</sup>

The effects of your office's pro-criminal alien policies have been devastating. In one case from earlier this year, you offered a sweetheart plea deal to "a 31-year-old transgender woman from Colombia" even though the illegal alien "sexually assaulted a [14-year-old boy] in a New York bodega" in 2025.<sup>7</sup> As a result of your office's policies, the illegal alien, who the Biden-Harris Administration released into the United States in 2023, will serve less than one year in jail for assaulting a teenager.<sup>8</sup>

Under your office's pro-crime, pro-illegal immigration policies, illegal alien criminals are allowed to freely operate, terrorize local communities, and reoffend without consequences. Like other sanctuary jurisdictions we have examined, the shielding of criminal aliens from immigration enforcement in Manhattan undermines public safety and thwarts the efficient enforcement of federal law. Accordingly, to assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and to inform potential legislative reforms to address sanctuary policies, we ask that you provide the following information:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office considered immigration collateral consequences, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period January 1, 2022, to the present, including:
  - a. Active and closed cases in which the Manhattan District Attorney's Office authorized an alien defendant to replead;

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<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., Transcribed Interview of Former Senior ICE Official, 105 (May 3, 2024) (on file with Comm.); Transcribed Interview of Former Field Office Director, 77-78 (Aug. 17, 2023) (on file with Comm.); Transcribed Interview of Former Field Office Director, 63 (July 19, 2023) (on file with Comm.).

<sup>6</sup> See Jeongyoon Han, *DAs from red and blue counties want ICE agents kept out of NY courthouses*, WXII NEWS (Aug. 12, 2025, 6:10 PM), <https://www.wxii.com/news/new-york-public-news-network/2025-08-12/das-from-red-and-blue-counties-want-ice-agents-kept-out-of-ny-courthouses>.

<sup>7</sup> Chris Nesi & Anthony Blair, *DHS blasts 6-month plea deal for trans illegal immigrant NYC rapist as a 'disgrace'*, N.Y. POST (Mar. 27, 2026, 4:31 PM), <https://nypost.com/2026/03/27/us-news/nyc-trans-illegal-immigrant-rapists-plea-deal-branded-disgrace-by-dhs/>.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

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- b. Active and closed cases in which an alien defendant had a conviction reduced or vacated;
  - c. Active and closed cases in which the Manhattan District Attorney's Office recommended a pardon to the Governor;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's training materials related to immigration and immigration collateral consequences for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
  5. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2022, to the present; and
  6. All documents and communications between or among the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, the New York City Police Department, and the New York City Department of Correction referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2022, to the present.

Please provide the information requested as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2026. The Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.<sup>9</sup> If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan  
Chairman



Tom McClintock  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Immigration  
Integrity, Security, and Enforcement

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration  
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<sup>9</sup> Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).