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Sheriff Jose Quiroz
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Dear Sheriff Quiroz:

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. The Arlington County Sheriff's Office's (ACSO) immigration-related policies prioritize criminal and illegal aliens over American citizens and threaten public safety. We write to request information about Arlington County's sanctuary policies, including local law enforcement's refusal to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to ensure that dangerous aliens are not released onto American streets.

To protect communities from criminal aliens in law enforcement custody, ICE uses detainers, which are simple requests that a law enforcement agency "notify [ICE] as early as possible before [the agency] release[s] a removable alien" and "[h]old the alien for up to 48 hours beyond the time [the agency] would ordinarily release them so [the Department of Homeland Security] has time to assume custody in accordance with federal immigration law."¹ Federal law prohibits jurisdictions from restricting ICE's requests for and receipt of individuals' citizenship information.² In December 2022, your predecessor announced that "the Arlington County jail w[ould] no longer voluntarily cooperate with federal immigration officials," such as notifying ICE when ACSO was "about to release an inmate with a detainer request."³ Since then, ACSO has continued its sanctuary policies, reiterating that it will only honor detainers accompanied by "a judicially signed warrant."⁴

¹ U.S. Immigr. and Customs Enf't, *Immigr. Detainers* (May 13, 2025), <https://www.ice.gov/immigration-detainers>.

² See 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

³ Teo Armus, *Arlington sheriff ends voluntary cooperation with immigration enforcement*, WASH. POST (Dec. 22, 2022), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/12/22/arlington-sherriff-immigration-enforcement-ice/>.

⁴ Arlington Cnty. Sheriff's Off., *Immigr. Enf't Info.* (Apr. 2025), <https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/topics/documents/acso-immigration-fact-sheet-english-version-4.2025.pdf>; see *Immigr. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*, Public Safety, Arlington, Va., <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Topics/Resources-Immigrants/Immigration-FAQs#section-3> (last accessed Apr. 17, 2026) ("Consistent with the January 5, 2015 advisory opinion by the Virginia Attorney General, the ACSO

Arlington County's pro-illegal alien policies shield criminals from accountability. Despite your claim that ACSO's role is "to keep individuals . . . in the community safe,"⁵ Arlington County's sanctuary policies endanger the communities you serve. In July 2025, instead of honoring an ICE detainer and allowing federal officers to arrest David Cabrera, a twice-deported illegal alien who was convicted of "attempted rape of [an] Arlington teenager in 2014," ACSO released Cabrera into the community.⁶ As a result, ICE was forced to arrest Cabrera at-large in Arlington, where Cabrera could have reoffended, instead of in a secure facility.⁷ Arlington County's sanctuary policies would also prohibit ACSO from cooperating with ICE to ensure that Luzvin Orvando Garcia Moran, an illegal alien arrested for sexually assaulting a woman in Clarendon on April 12, 2026, can be removed from the country instead of likely being released onto northern Virginia streets.⁸ In fact, before the alleged assault earlier this month, your office released Garcia Moran into the community.⁹

Given the dangerous nature of sanctuary jurisdictions and their active role in thwarting federal immigration enforcement, the Committee is concerned about ACSO's role in shielding criminal aliens and undermining public safety. 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 ACSO's interaction with ICE for the period January 1, 2020, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to ACSO's policies, practices, and procedures related to non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2020, to the present;

does not hold detainees in custody at the County Detention Facility based solely on a detainer request by ICE. In order for the ACSO to detain a person after they have satisfied their local charges, a judicially issued warrant must accompany the detainer. If a judicially issued warrant is received, pursuant to ACSO policy, ICE is notified in order to facilitate the transfer of custody to ICE."

⁵ Arlington Cnty. Sheriff's Off., *Immigr. Enf't Info.* (Apr. 2025), <https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/v/2/topics/documents/acso-immigration-fact-sheet-english-version-4.2025.pdf>.

⁶ See Dan Egitto, *Head of ICE targets Arlington sheriff's office over detainer for twice-deported sex offender*, ARL NOW (July 21, 2025, 3:45 PM), <https://www.arlnow.com/2025/07/21/head-of-ice-targets-acso-over-sex-offenders-third-immigration-detainment/>.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Thomas Mates, *Man accused of attempted rape after woman attacked in Arlington*, ABC 7 NEWS (Apr. 13, 2026, 5:37 PM), <https://wjla.com/news/local/man-accused-of-attempted-rape-after-woman-attacked-in-arlington>; Peter Pinedo, *Spanberger receives DHS plea to hold illegal immigrant repeat offender now charged in attempted rape*, FOX NEWS (Apr. 15, 2026, 5:59 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/dhs-urges-spanberger-hold-illegal-migrant-charged-attempted-rape-cites-25-prior-charges>.

⁹ Nick Minock, *Woman attacked while waiting for rideshare in Arlington, illegal immigrant arrested*, ABC 7 NEWS (Apr. 17, 2026, 1:53 PM), <https://krctv.com/news/nation-world/woman-attacked-assault-while-waiting-rideshare-arlington-virginia-clarendon-luzvin-orvando-garcia-moran-guatemala-migrant-department-of-homeland-security-violent-charges-offenses-investigation>.

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3. The number of ICE detainers that ACSO has received and has declined to honor for the period January 1, 2020, to the present;
4. The number of release notifications ACSO has made to ICE for the period January 1, 2020, to the present; and
5. All documents and communications between or among ACSO, the Arlington County Police Department, and the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2020, to the present.

Please provide the information requested as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2026. The Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.¹⁰ 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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¹⁰ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).