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Dear Ms. Dehghani-Tafti:

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 Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church has routinely undermined the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. You have boasted, for example, about how your office has "protected people's DACA status" and "fashioned resolutions that avoid deportation."[1] In one case, you claimed your office "thought long and hard" about how to prevent a foreign national's deportation.[2]

You also appear to have weaponized your office to give preferential treatment to aliens based solely on their immigration status. You previously committed to "take immigration status into consideration when making charging decisions on minor infractions" so aliens can avoid "collateral consequences,"[3] and your office has trained its employees "on the effects of criminal

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[1] Parisa for Justice, Supporting Youth and Keeping Families Together, https://www.parisaforjustice.com/ (last accessed Apr. 16, 2026).
[2] The Justice Digest, Issue IX (July 18, 2022, 4:01 PM), https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/VAARLINGTON/bulletins/321814a.
[3] *Theo Stamos' and Parisa Tafti's Responses to ACLU-VA's Questionaire on Criminal Justice Reform*, ACLU VIRGINIA, https://www.acluva.org/theo-stamos-and-parisa-taftis-responses-aclu-vas-questionaire-criminal-justice-reform/ (last accessed Apr. 16, 2026); *see* Daniel Nichanian, "*The Commonwealth's Attorney Has a Very Holistic Role": An interview with Virginia Candidate Parisa Dehghani-Tafti*, BOLTS MAGAZINE (Feb. 22, 2019), https://boltsmag.org/interview-with-parisa-tafti-candidate-commonwealths-attorney-arlington-virginia/.

prosecution on immigration status."[4] In a June 2023 interview, you even claimed that witnessing prosecutors "ignore[e] immigration consequences" motivated you to run for office.[5] You have wrongly characterized routine ICE arrests of criminals as abductions.[6]

The effects of your office's soft-on-crime, pro-criminal alien policies have been devastating. On April 12, 2026, Arlington County Police Department officers arrested Luzvin Orvando Garcia Moran after he approached a woman, "grabb[ed] her," and "shov[ed] her against a wall," assaulted her, and continued to attack her even after she initially managed to escape from him.[7] Two bystanders "stepped in to help and called the police."[8] Garcia Moran is an illegal alien whose yearslong criminal history includes multiple arrests and charges, including for public intoxication, assault and battery, and probation violations.[9] He has now been charged with "abduction of a person with intent to defile, sodomy by force or victim helplessness[,] and assault in an alleged attempted rape."[10]

Court records reveal that for years your office refused to prosecute Garcia Moran for multiple crimes, including public intoxication and assault and battery.[11] According to an Arlington County crime report, in May 2025, Garcia Moran approached a group of juveniles and "allegedly assault[ed] the victim and display[ed] what appeared to be a firearm before fleeing on foot."[12] When police arrived, Garcia Moran "attempted to flee from officers and a struggle ensued during which [Garcia Moran] attempted to grab an officer's firearm."[13] When your office finally prosecuted Garcia Moran for disarming a law enforcement officer of a stun gun, a sweetheart plea deal ensured he was back onto northern Virginia streets within months of his felony conviction.[14] That plea deal came *after* a probation officer warned that Garcia Moran was "likely to get intoxicated and to engage in behaviors that could result in disorderly conduct or

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[4] The Justice Digest, Issue I (Sept. 8, 2020, 4:55 PM), https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/VAARLINGTON/bulletins/29ec0a3.
[5] Andrew F, *Our Favorite Progressive Candidates in 2023 - Parisa Dehghani-Tafti, Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church*, JEJUNE MAGAZINE (June 7, 2023), https://www.jejunemagazine.com/home/parisa-deghghani-tafti.
[6] Parisa Dehghani-Tafti, Facebook (July 12, 2025), https://www.facebook.com/parisa.dehghanitafti/posts/1495879728064494.
[7] 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.
[8] *Id.*
[9] Press Release, ICE pleads with Gov. Abigail Spanberger's sanctuary state of Virginia not to release accused sexual predator, U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't (Apr. 20, 2026), https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-pleads-gov-abigail-spanbergers-sanctuary-state-virginia-not-release-accused.
[10] 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.
[11] *See, e.g.*, Arlington County Circuit, Criminal Division, Case No. CR25000818-00; Arlington General District Court, General District Court Online Case Information System, Case No. GC24005365-00.
[12] Crime Report: May 27, 2025, Arlington Cnty. (May 27, 2025), https://www.arlingtonva.us/About-Arlington/Newsroom/Articles/2025/Crime-Report-May-27-2025.
[13] *Id.*
[14] Jared Serre, *Probation officer warned attempted rape suspect was 'danger to self and others' last year*, ARL NOW (Apr. 16, 2026, 11:45 AM), https://www.arlnow.com/2026/04/16/probation-officer-warned-attempted-rape-suspect-was-danger-to-self-and-others-last-year/; Arlington County Circuit, Criminal Division, Case No. CR25000869-00.

assault charges."[15] The officer concluded that Garcia Moran was "a danger to self and others."[16]

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 Arlington County 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 Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church's interaction with ICE for the period January 1, 2020, to the present;

2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2020, to the present;

3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church considered immigration consequences in prosecution decisions, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period January 1, 2020, to the present;

4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2020, to the present; and

5. All documents and communications between or among the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, the Arlington County Sheriff's Office, and the Arlington County Police Department 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.[17] If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906.

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[15] *See* Serre, *supra* note 14.
[16] *Id.*
[17] Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).

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 Integrity, Security, and Enforcement