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The Honorable Larry Krasner
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Dear Mr. Krasner:

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 Philadelphia District Attorney's Office has routinely undermined the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. For nearly a decade, your office has prohibited communication with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) without your final approval, promoted "alternative plea offers or sentencing recommendations" for criminal aliens, and created specialized procedures for defendants who are foreign nationals.¹

Your office also openly gives preferential treatment to aliens based solely on their immigration status, even admitting that "low-level and nonviolent crimes should not lead to deportation or necessarily risk one's immigration status."² In fact, you created an Immigration Counsel position within your office to evaluate cases involving non-U.S. citizens so that foreign nationals "can avoid unnecessary and unjust consequences" —in other words, to shield criminal aliens from deportation.³ You also openly boast about how your policies have resulted in criminal aliens being released onto Philadelphia streets,⁴ free to reoffend. Even in cases involving murder or crimes against minors, a prosecutor in your office may still consider a criminal alien's potential deportation or other immigration consequences in making prosecution

¹ Philadelphia DAO Policy of Avoiding Unjust Immigr. Outcomes, Philadelphia District Att'y's Off. (Nov. 27, 2018), <https://phillyda.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/DAO-Immigration-Policy.pdf>.

² Immigr. Counsel, Philadelphia District Att'y's Off., <https://phillyda.org/safety-and-justice/special-cases/immigrant-cases/> (last accessed Apr. 21, 2026).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* ("In a few cases, we have helped defendants secure deferred action or early parole.").

decisions.⁵ When your office is not openly favoring dangerous foreign nationals over U.S. citizens, it is using taxpayer dollars to coach outside legal professionals on the best strategies to help criminal aliens avoid immigration consequences for their criminality.⁶

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 Philadelphia 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 Philadelphia District Attorney's Office's interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the period January 1, 2018, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2018, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases consulted with or reviewed by the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office's Immigration Counsel, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period January 1, 2018, to the present;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office has overcome the policy presumption related to not seeking an immigration-neutral outcome for the period January 1, 2018, to the present;
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2018, to the present; and
6. All documents and communications between or among the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the Philadelphia Police Department, and the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2018, 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

⁵ See Philadelphia DAO Policy of Avoiding Unjust Immigr. Outcomes, *supra* note 1.

⁶ See Immigr. Counsel, *supra* note 2 ("For this reason, we have designed and implemented presentations and training workshops so that system stakeholders are educated about the potential impact of their work tied to someone's immigration status.").

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pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.⁷ 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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⁷ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).