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The Honorable John Walsh
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Dear Mr. Walsh:

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.

Under your leadership, the Denver District Attorney's Office undermines the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. For years, in fact, your office has openly given preferential treatment to aliens based solely on their immigration status. In 2019, your predecessor implemented a policy to consider a criminal defendant's immigration status when making prosecution decisions.¹ Noting that "[d]ifferent individuals charged with the same crime may face markedly different consequences depending upon various factors, including an individual's immigration status," the former District Attorney directed the office to "take reasonable steps to mitigate [immigration] consequences" for criminal aliens.² The policy even permits consideration of immigration consequences in cases involving violent felonies.³ Like your predecessor, you are committed to continuing the policy of "weighing the collateral consequences of charging decisions—particularly their potential to accelerate deportation."⁴ Instead of cooperating with ICE, you have vilified federal law enforcement, claiming without

¹ Memorandum from Beth McCann, District Att'y, to All Denver DA Personnel, "Denver District Att'y's Internal Off. Policy Regarding Immigr. Collateral Consequences" (Apr. 23, 2019), <https://denverimmigrationlawyer.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Immigration-Collateral-Consequences-Final-Policy-April-2019.pdf>.

² *Id.*

³ *See id.*

⁴ Alayna Alvarez & Esteban L. Hernandez, *How Denver won't — and will — cooperate with ICE*, AXIOS (Jan. 27, 2025), <https://www.axios.com/local/denver/2025/01/28/denver-immigration-ice-cooperation-investigation>.

evidence that federal immigration enforcement has led to an increase in domestic violence.⁵

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 Denver 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 Denver District Attorney's Office's interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the period January 1, 2025, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Denver District Attorney's Office's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2025, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Denver District Attorney's Office considered immigration collateral consequences, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period January 1, 2025, to the present;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Denver District Attorney's Office's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2025, to the present; and
5. All documents and communications between or among the Denver District Attorney's Office, the Denver Sheriff Department, and the Denver Police Department referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2025, to the present.

Please provide the information requested as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2026. The Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.⁶ If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906.

⁵ See Colette Bordelon, *Denver DA develops two new units in response to 12% increase in domestic violence cases last year*, DENVER ABC 7 (June 19, 2025, 9:30 AM), <https://www.denver7.com/news/front-range/denver/denver-da-develops-two-new-units-in-response-to-12-increase-in-domestic-violence-cases-last-year>.

⁶ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jim Jordan in blue ink.

Jim Jordan
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Tom McClintock in blue ink.

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

Handwritten signature of Gabe Evans in black ink.

Gabe Evans
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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