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The Honorable Michael Dougherty
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Dear Mr. Dougherty:

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 Boulder County District Attorney's Office has routinely undermined the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. Your office prohibits information sharing with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and is even "willing to move court dates for a defendant if there is a fear that immigration officials will use the time of the court date to attempt to locate an individual."¹ You have also suggested restricting ICE's access to Colorado law enforcement's license plate recognition technology, even though such technology can be used against U.S. citizens.²

Your office also openly gives preferential treatment to aliens based solely on their immigration status, even admitting that the Boulder County District Attorney's Office "consider[s] the immigration and other collateral consequences to a defendant in recommending dispositions," including the crime of conviction and the "[l]anguage used in disposition documents."³ This policy allows for criminal aliens to be released from custody early, given that

¹ Immigr. Rights in the Boulder Cnty. Justice System, Boulder Cnty. District Att'y's Off., <https://bouldercounty.gov/district-attorney/immigrant-rights-in-the-boulder-county-justice-system/> (last accessed Apr. 22, 2026).

² Elizabeth Pond, *Boulder District Attorney visits Durango as ICE tensions escalate*, DURANGO HERALD (Jan. 19, 2026, 9:34 PM), <https://www.durangoherald.com/articles/boulder-district-attorney-visits-durango-as-ice-tensions-escalate/>.

³ District Att'y Policy Regarding Immigr. Collateral Consequences, Boulder Cnty. District Att'y's Off., <https://bouldercounty.gov/district-attorney/district-attorney-policy-immigration-collateral-consequences/> (last accessed Apr. 22, 2026).

“the length of both a suspended sentence and a total sentence imposed, regardless of time actually served, in some cases determines whether a particular offense triggers specific immigration consequences.”⁴ Your office even permits consideration of immigration consequences in cases involving violent offenses, vehicular fatalities, and “[a]ggravated or violent sexual factual basis offenses.”⁵ The Boulder County District Attorney’s Office’s policies aim to shield criminal aliens from accountability and ultimately imperil Colorado communities.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 Boulder 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 Boulder County District Attorney’s Office’s interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the period March 1, 2018, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Boulder District Attorney’s Office’s policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period March 1, 2018, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Boulder County District Attorney’s Office considered immigration collateral consequences, including the defendants’ initial charges and the cases’ ultimate dispositions, for the period March 1, 2018, to the present;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to “post-conviction motions for ineffective assistance of counsel and a failure to properly advise a defendant of immigration consequences,”⁷ for the period March 1, 2018, to the present;
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Boulder County District Attorney’s Office’s policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period March 1, 2018, to the present;
6. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Boulder County District Attorney’s Office’s Know Your Rights trainings related to “the role of ICE,

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *See id.* (“Undocumented immigrants are increasingly fearful of deportation or removal should they make contact with law enforcement. However, improvements to our programs for helping immigrants have a meaningful impact.”).

⁷ *See* District Att’y Policy Regarding Immigr. Collateral Consequences, *supra* note 3.

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legal protections for [aliens], how to protest safely, [and] the authority of local law enforcement and prosecutors”⁸ for the period March 1, 2018, to the present; and


7. All documents and communications between or among the Boulder County District Attorney’s Office, the Boulder County Sheriff’s Office, and the Boulder Police Department referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period March 1, 2018, 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.⁹ 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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⁸ Know Your Rights in Colorado, Boulder Cnty. District Att’y’s Off., <https://bouldercounty.gov/district-attorney/know-your-rights-in-colorado/> (last accessed Apr. 22, 2026).

⁹ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).