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Chief Stephen Redfearn
Chief of Police
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Dear Chief Redfearn:

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 Boulder Police Department's (BPD) immigration-related policies prioritize criminal and illegal aliens over American citizens and threaten public safety. We write to request information about Boulder's sanctuary policies, including BPD's lack of cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to ensure that dangerous aliens can be removed from American streets.

BPD utilizes an automated license plate recognition system known as Flock "that uses cameras to automatically read government issued license plates."¹ Your office has explained that the technology is "a vital tool to protect our community and solve crimes," including to "find stolen vehicles, missing people, respond to Amber Alerts, and investigate crimes."² Despite your claimed successes from the Flock system, your office "deactivated the 'national lookup' feature" in June 2025, meaning federal immigration agencies cannot search BPD's system for "specific, identified license plate numbers."³ In fact, you explicitly prohibit the use of Flock for immigration enforcement, regardless of the danger a foreign national may pose to the community.⁴ Your office even suggests that such usage may violate BPD's "commitment to the Boulder community."⁵

¹ Flock Safety Cameras and Boulder Police Dep't, City of Boulder, Colo., <https://bouldercolorado.gov/services/flock-safety-cameras-and-boulder-police-department> (last accessed Apr. 22, 2026).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ See Transparency Portal, Boulder Police Dep't, City of Boulder, Colo., <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/boulder-co-pd> (last accessed Apr. 22, 2026).

⁵ See Flock Safety Cameras and Boulder Police Dep't, *supra* note 1.

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Despite your claim that BPD’s “mission is to enhance public safety,”⁶ Boulder’s sanctuary policies endanger the communities you serve. 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 BPD’s interaction with ICE for the period September 1, 2024, to the present;
2. All documents and communication referring or relating to BPD’s June 2025 decision to limit access to Boulder’s Flock system data, for the period January 1, 2025, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to BPD’s sharing of Flock system data with federal agencies, including the cases in which federal agencies used the national lookup feature, for the period September 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to BPD’s policies, practices, and procedures related to non-U.S. citizens for the period September 1, 2024, to the present; and
5. All documents and communications between or among BPD, the Boulder County Sheriff’s Office, and the Boulder County District Attorney’s Office referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period September 1, 2024, 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.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

⁶ Boulder Police Dep’t Supporting Our Community, City of Boulder, Colo., <https://bouldercolorado.gov/boulder-police-department-supporting-our-community> (last accessed Apr. 22, 2026).

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

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cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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