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Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch
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New York City Police Department
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Dear Commissioner Tisch:

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 New York City Police Department's (NYPD) immigration-related policies prioritize criminal and illegal aliens over American citizens and threaten public safety. We write to request information about New York's sanctuary policies, including NYPD's lack of cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to ensure that dangerous aliens are not released onto American streets.

To protect communities from criminal aliens in law enforcement custody, ICE uses detainers, which are simple requests that a law enforcement agency "notify [ICE] as early as possible before [the agency] release[s] a removable alien" and "[h]old the alien for up to 48 hours beyond the time [the agency] would ordinarily release them so [the Department of Homeland Security] has time to assume custody in accordance with federal immigration law."¹ Federal law prohibits jurisdictions from restricting ICE's requests for and receipt of individuals' citizenship information.² For years, New York's sanctuary laws have prevented NYPD from complying with most ICE detainers.³ Instead, NYPD may only honor an ICE detainer if it is accompanied by a judicial warrant and is for a foreign national who is "convicted of a violent or serious crime" or "is identified as a possible match in the terrorist screening database."⁴ Mayor Zohran Mamdani has bolstered New York's protections for criminal aliens at the expense of Americans.⁵ He has also enlisted an open-borders Biden Administration official to harass NYPD

¹ U.S. Immigr. and Customs Enf't, *Immigr. Detainers* (May 13, 2025), <https://www.ice.gov/immigration-detainers>.

² See 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

³ See, e.g., NYC Administrative Code §§ 9-131, 9-205, 14-154 (prohibiting detainer compliance except with a judicial warrant for an alien who "has been convicted of a violent or serious crime" or "is identified as a possible match in the terrorist screening database").

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Exec. Order 13, Protecting New Yorkers from Abusive Immigr. Enf't, New York City Mayor's Off. (Feb. 6, 2026), <https://www.nyc.gov/mayors-office/news/2026/02/executive-order-13>.

about a potential lack of compliance with New York's and Mamdani's radical sanctuary agenda.⁶

New York's pro-illegal alien policies ensure dangerous criminals are released from New York's custody and free to reoffend. From July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024, NYPD honored zero detainers, meaning that at least hundreds of criminal aliens were released onto New York City streets during that time.⁷ The Trump Administration lodged more than 6,000 detainers in New York City in just the first six months of 2025.⁸ The majority were not honored.⁹

The effects of New York's sanctuary policies are devastating. Earlier this year, instead of honoring an ICE detainer, NYPD released an illegal alien gang member who had previously been arrested for assaulting a first responder and family neglect.¹⁰ Last year, NYPD declined to honor an ICE detainer and instead released an illegal alien it had previously arrested "on multiple sexual abuses charges, including sexual conduct with a child under the age of 11."¹¹ In 2024, an illegal alien sexually assaulted a woman in Brooklyn after NYPD failed to honor an ICE detainer following the alien's previous arrest for sexual assault.¹² At the time, the NYPD Chief of Patrol criticized New York's sanctuary policies for enabling the illegal alien's predictable recidivism.¹³

Despite your claim that NYPD's mission is "to enforce the law, preserve peace, protect the people, reduce fear, and maintain order,"¹⁴ New York's sanctuary policies endanger the

⁶ Chris Sommerfeldt, *Mamdani taps ex-Biden official to audit NYPD, other agencies for sanctuary law lapses*, POLITICO (Feb. 16, 2026, 2:00 PM), <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/02/16/mamdani-taps-ex-biden-official-to-audit-nypd-other-agencies-for-sanctuary-law-lapses-00781624>.

⁷ See Summary of Statistics on ICE Detainers, July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, New York City Police Dep't, https://www.nyc.gov/assets/nypd/downloads/pdf/analysis_and_planning/civil_immigration_detainers/summary-civil-immigration-detainers-7-1-2023-6-30-2024.pdf; Summary of Statistics on ICE Detainers, July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, New York City Police Dep't, https://www.nyc.gov/assets/nypd/downloads/pdf/analysis_and_planning/civil_immigration_detainers/summary-civil-immigration-detainers-7-1-2022-6-30-2023.pdf; Summary of Statistics on ICE Detainers, July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, New York City Police Dep't, https://www.nyc.gov/assets/nypd/downloads/pdf/analysis_and_planning/civil_immigration_detainers/summary-civil-immigration-detainers-2021-2022.pdf.

⁸ Press Release, Sanctuary City NYC Sees a More Than 400% Spike in ICE Detainers as DHS Prioritizes American People Over Criminal Illegal Aliens, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 23, 2025), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/07/23/sanctuary-city-nyc-sees-more-400-spike-ice-detainers-dhs-prioritizes-american>.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ Louis Casiano, *ICE arrests Latin Kings member after NYC sanctuary release despite assault charge on first responder*, FOX NEWS (Mar. 27, 2026, 6:34 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/ice-arrests-latin-kings-member-after-nyc-sanctuary-release-despite-assault-charge-first-responder>.

¹¹ Press Release, ICE Newark arrests child predator released under irresponsible NYC sanctuary policies, U.S. Immigr. and Customs Enf't (Aug. 25, 2025), <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-newark-arrests-child-predator-released-under-irresponsible-nyc-sanctuary-policies>.

¹² Greg Norman-Diamond, *NYC migrant accused of raping woman in Brooklyn had ICE detainer placed on him: report*, FOX NEWS (Aug. 14, 2024, 10:24 AM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/nyc-migrant-accused-raping-woman-brooklyn-had-ice-detainer-placed-him-report>.

¹³ NYPD Chief of Patrol (@NYPDChiefPatrol), X (Aug. 13, 2024, 3:21 PM), <https://x.com/NYPDChiefPatrol/status/1823439769189093602>.

¹⁴ See Mission, New York City Police Dep't, <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/about/about-nypd/mission.page> (last accessed Apr. 28, 2026).

communities you serve. Like other sanctuary jurisdictions we have examined, the shielding of criminal aliens from immigration enforcement in New York 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 NYPD's interaction with ICE for the period January 1, 2024, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to NYPD's policies, practices, and procedures related to non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2024, to the present;
3. The number of ICE detainers that NYPD has received and has declined to honor for the period January 1, 2024, to the present, including the criminal histories of the non-U.S. citizens for whom the detainers were placed;
4. All documents and communications between or among NYPD, the New York City Department of Correction, and the District Attorneys' Offices for Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Queens, and Brooklyn referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2024, to the present; and
5. All documents and communications between or among NYPD and the New York City Mayor's Office referring or relating to immigration and immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2024, to the present.

Please provide the information requested as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 10, 2026. The Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.¹⁵ 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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¹⁵ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).