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The Honorable Michael E. McMahon  
District Attorney  
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Dear Mr. McMahon:

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 Staten Island District Attorney's Office has routinely undermined the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. For years, your office has openly given preferential treatment to aliens based solely on their immigration status.<sup>1</sup> You have established an Immigrant Affairs and Collateral Consequences Unit to advise prosecutors "on cases with collateral consequences" to ensure that criminal aliens can avoid deportation.<sup>2</sup> This work includes drafting motions related to "immigration collateral consequence and pardon requests" and even "[c]ontacting [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] to postpone removal proceedings against defendants, witnesses, and victims for the interest of justice."<sup>3</sup>

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 Staten Island undermines public safety and thwarts the efficient

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Press Release, District Attorney McMahon Pens Letter Reflecting on the Murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis; Outlines New Efforts at RCDA to Address Racial Bias and Reaffirms Commitment to RCDA's Ongoing Initiatives Ensuring Fairness in the Criminal Justice System on Staten Island, Off. of the District Att'y, Richmond Cnty. (June 5, 2020), <https://www.statenislandda.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/District-Attorney-McMahon-Pens-Letter-Reflecting-on-the-Murder-of-George-Floyd-in-Minneapolis...-compressed.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> IAU/SVB Paralegal Immigr. Affairs Unit, NYC Job Posting ID # 533484, <https://www.statenislandda.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/533484-Immigrant-Affairs-Unit-SVB-Paralegal-May-2022PDF.pdf>.

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 Staten Island District Attorney's Office's interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, including advocating for the postponement of removal proceedings for criminal alien defendants, for the period January 1, 2016, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Staten Island District Attorney's Office's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2016, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Staten Island District Attorney's Office considered immigration collateral consequences, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period January 1, 2016, to the present, including:
  - a. Active and closed cases in which the Staten Island District Attorney's Office authorized an alien defendant to replead;
  - b. Active and closed cases in which an alien defendant had a conviction reduced or vacated;
  - c. Active and closed cases in which the Staten Island District Attorney's Office recommended a pardon to the Governor;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Staten Island District Attorney's Office's training materials related to immigration and immigration collateral consequences for the period January 1, 2016, to the present;
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Staten Island District Attorney's Office's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2016, to the present; and
6. All documents and communications between or among the Staten Island District Attorney's Office, the New York City Police Department, and the New York City Department of Correction referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2016, 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

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pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.<sup>4</sup> 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  
Integrity, Security, and Enforcement

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<sup>4</sup> Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).