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The Honorable Kevin Hayden  
Suffolk County District Attorney  
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Dear Mr. Hayden:

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.

For years, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office has routinely undermined the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. Your predecessor required prosecutors in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office to "investigate, review and resolve each case with justice in mind" and "remedy outcomes that are inconsistent with this mission."<sup>1</sup> In doing so, she discussed what she described as the "extreme and unjust collateral consequences" of federal immigration law and questioned why foreign nationals in the United States should face long-term immigration consequences for their criminal activity.<sup>2</sup> You committed to continuing these policies, stating that your office would "consider immigration consequences as part of the prosecution decision and institute steps to avoid extreme immigration penalties including deportation."<sup>3</sup> In practice, these pro-crime sanctuary policies ensure that criminal aliens can escape accountability for their actions and remain in the United States indefinitely.

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 Boston undermines public safety and thwarts the efficient

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<sup>1</sup> Statement of District Attorney Rachael Rollins on Reducing Collateral Consequences, Suffolk Cnty. District Att'y's Off. (Jan. 26, 2020), <https://www.suffolkdistrictattorney.com/press-releases/items/2020/1/27/statement-of-district-attorney-rachael-rollins-on-osman-bilal>.

<sup>2</sup> *See id.*

<sup>3</sup> Justice for Mass., 2022 DA Candidate Questionnaire, Kevin Hayden, [https://www.progressivemass.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/JusticeForMA\\_Hayden\\_2022.pdf](https://www.progressivemass.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/JusticeForMA_Hayden_2022.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 Suffolk County District Attorney's Office's interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office considered immigration collateral consequences, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period January 1, 2022, to the present, including:
  - a. Active and closed cases in which the Suffolk County 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;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office's training materials related to immigration and collateral consequences for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
6. All documents and communications between or among the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, and the Boston Police Department referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2022, to the present; and
7. All documents and communications between or among the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and the Boston Mayor's Office referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2022, 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).