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Dear Chief Day:

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 Portland Police Bureau's (PPB) immigration-related policies prioritize criminal and illegal aliens over American citizens and threaten public safety. We write to request information about Portland's sanctuary policies, including PPB'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, PPB has prohibited its officers from honoring ICE detainers and otherwise cooperating with ICE.³ Your office even directs people who witness ICE activity to call an organization⁴ that advocates for ICE's abolishment.⁵ Oregon law also prohibits state and local law enforcement from disclosing criminal aliens' information to federal immigration officials,⁶ limits immigration arrests at certain locations,⁷ forbids law enforcement from sharing

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 FAQ-PPB's Role and Guidelines Regarding Immigr. Enf't, Bureau of Police, Portland, Or., <https://www.portland.gov/police/documents/immigration-faq/download> (last accessed June 15, 2026).

⁴ Resources for Immigrant and Refugee Communities, Portland Police Bureau, <https://www.portland.gov/police/cag/ofa-info> (last accessed June 15, 2026).

⁵ Our History, Portland Immigr. Rights Coalition, <https://pircoregon.org/> (last accessed June 15, 2026).

⁶ Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 180.805.

⁷ Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 180.810, 181A.828.

criminal aliens' release dates with federal officials,⁸ and prohibits compliance with ICE detainers.⁹ The state of Oregon even promotes its Sanctuary Promise Violations Hotline, which allows foreign nationals to report suspected violations of Oregon's pro-illegal alien policies.¹⁰

Despite your goal "to reduce crime and the fear of crime,"¹¹ Portland's sanctuary policies endanger the communities you serve. Like other sanctuary jurisdictions we have examined, the shielding of criminal aliens from immigration enforcement in Portland 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 PPB's interaction with ICE for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to PPB's policies, practices, and procedures related to non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2022, to the present;
3. The number of ICE detainers that PPB has received and has declined to honor for the period January 1, 2022, 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 PPB, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, the Oregon Department of Corrections, and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2022, to the present; and
5. All documents and communications between or among PPB and the Portland Mayor's Office referring or relating to immigration and immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2022, to the present.

⁸ Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 181A.826.

⁹ Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 181A.823; *see* Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 181A.820.

¹⁰ *See* Sanctuary Promise Violations Hotline, Or. Dep't of Justice, <https://www.doj.state.or.us/oregon-department-of-justice/civil-rights/sanctuary-promise/reporting-sanctuary-promise-violations-to-the-hotline/#form> (last accessed June 15, 2026).

¹¹ *See* Portland Police Bureau, <https://www.portland.gov/police> (last accessed June 15, 2026).

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Please provide the information requested as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2026. The Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.¹² 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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¹² Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).