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Dear Mr. Krasner:

On May 4, 2026, the Committee requested relevant materials regarding your office's preferential treatment of illegal aliens to ensure that they do not face immigration consequences for their criminality.¹ Your May 18 response alleged, incorrectly, that the Committee's oversight requests "appear to be baseless, lacking in an accurate legal or factual foundation."² You also claimed—more than eight weeks ago—that your counsel would "be in touch soon to reply."³ That has not happened. Instead, on July 7, you transmitted a letter to the Committee making *ad hominem* attacks and placing bizarre and baseless demands and conditions on your cooperation with the Committee's oversight.⁴ More than two months have passed since the Committee requested material from you and you have failed to produce even a single responsive document. Accordingly, the Committee is issuing compulsory process to obtain the relevant materials.

The assertion in your May 18 letter that the Committee's requests implicate "matters of state and local law enforcement priority" that are "reserved to the City of Philadelphia and [your] Office"⁵ is incorrect. The Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed Congress's oversight powers as "broad and indispensable,"⁶ "encompass[ing] inquiries into the administration of existing laws, studies of proposed laws, and surveys of defects in our social, economic or political system for the purpose of enabling the Congress to remedy them."⁷ Congressional oversight has

¹ See Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Larry Krasner, Philadelphia District Att'y (May 4, 2026) (on file with Comm.).

² See Letter from Larry Krasner, Philadelphia District Att'y, to Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary (May 18, 2026) [hereinafter May 18 Letter] (on file with Comm.).

³ See May 18 Letter, *supra* note 1.

⁴ See Letter from Larry Krasner, Philadelphia District Att'y, to Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary (July 7, 2026) [hereinafter July 7 Letter] (on file with Comm.).

⁵ See May 18 Letter, *supra* note 1.

⁶ *Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*, 591 U.S. 848, 862 (2020) (quoting *Watkins v. United States*, 354 U.S. 178, 187 (1957)).

⁷ *Id.*

encompassed issues involving state criminal justice systems—among many other state and local matters⁸—when they intersect with federal interests.⁹ The problem of sanctuary jurisdictions like Philadelphia flouting immigration law clearly involves federal interests. Failing to prosecute or under-prosecuting foreign nationals so that immigration consequences can be avoided implicates Congress’s plenary power over immigration, which the Supreme Court repeatedly has described as the authority “to make rules for the admission of aliens and to exclude those who possess those characteristics which Congress has forbidden.”¹⁰ Your pro-illegal alien policies appear intentionally designed to thwart this authority. Moreover, preferential treatment of foreign nationals by your office may also violate federal civil rights laws.¹¹

Rather than provide responsive materials or legal justification for your refusal to cooperate with the Committee, your July 7 letter makes bizarre and baseless demands and conditions on your cooperation with our oversight.¹² To be clear, your July 7 letter is not a legitimate response to the Committee’s request for documents. The Committee has no obligation to entertain your unreasonable demand because as federal courts have explained, it is exclusively the prerogative of the Committee to determine how and in what manner it conducts its oversight.¹³

Contrary to your assertions, the Committee’s request for records is lawful and appropriate. The House of Representatives has authorized the Committee to conduct oversight of “[i]mmigration policy and non-border enforcement,” “[c]riminal law enforcement,” and “the judiciary and judicial proceedings, civil and criminal.”¹⁴ Our oversight on sanctuary jurisdictions advances a legitimate—and important—legislative purpose and is clearly “a subject on which

⁸ See *Affirming Congress’ Constitutional Oversight Responsibilities: Subpoena Authority and Recourse for Failure to Comply with Lawfully Issued Subpoenas*, Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Sci., Space & Tech., 114th Cong., at 13 (2016) (written testimony of Jonathan Turley, Professor, Geo. Wash. Univ. L. Sch.) (“There are a myriad of ways that states can negate federal policies, deny individual rights, or frustrate federal laws. Congress has the inherent right to seek out information on the actions and impact of state programs.”).

⁹ See, e.g., Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Fani T. Willis, Dist. Att’y, Fulton Cnty. Dist. Att’y’s Off. (Sept. 27, 2023), <https://www.congress.gov/118/meeting/house/117301/documents/HHRG-118-FD00-20240515-SD018-U18.pdf>; Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan, Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, et al. to Alvin L. Bragg, Jr., Dist. Att’y, N.Y. Cnty. Dist. Att’y’s Off. (Mar. 25, 2023), <https://www.congress.gov/118/meeting/house/116381/documents/HHRG-118-JU00-20230920-SD020.pdf>; Letter from Rep. Lamar Smith, Chairman, H. Comm. on Sci., Space & Tech., to Maura Healey, Att’y Gen. of Mass. (Aug. 24, 2016), https://science.house.gov/_cache/files/8/2/82bc49dc-7eaa-4c16-8d5b-59b5a44d555e/34C011DE8974BD1124CEEAE4F2D7E3366BE122B0A1EBCF7C6B14F6A0EE7AF74F.08.24.16-sst-letter-to-ag-healey.pdf.

¹⁰ See *Kleindienst v. Mandel*, 408 U.S. 753, 766 (1972); see also *Dep’t of Homeland Sec. v. Thuraissigiam*, 591 U.S. 103, 139 (2020).

¹¹ See, e.g., Press Release, Justice Department Notifies Fairfax County, Virginia Commonwealth’s Attorney of Investigation into His Plea Bargaining, Charging Decisions, and Sentencing Policy, U.S. Dep’t of Justice (May 6, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-notifies-fairfax-county-virginia-commonwealths-attorney-investigation-his> (Department of Justice launching an investigation into whether similar policies violate federal law).

¹² See July 7 Letter, *supra* note 4.

¹³ See, e.g., TODD GARVEY, CONG. RSCH. SERV., LSB11093, COMMITTEE DISCRETION IN OBTAINING WITNESS TESTIMONY 2-3 (Dec. 22, 2023) (compiling federal court precedent holding that “neither the courts nor witnesses may dictate the manner in which a committee chooses to proceed”).

¹⁴ Rules of the House of Representatives, 119th Cong., R. X (2025).

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legislation could be had.”¹⁵ Although you may disagree about the need to reform federal law to end sanctuary policies, protect American communities, and ensure that foreign nationals do not receive preferential treatment over U.S. citizens, you cannot seriously contend that the Committee lacks the authority to do so.¹⁶ In fact, earlier this year, the Committee reported favorably H.R. 7640, the Shut Down Sanctuary Policies Act of 2026.¹⁷ This legislation addresses state and local officials who thwart the enforcement of federal immigration law and whose policies result in death and injury to countless Americans.¹⁸ To ensure that prosecutors cannot circumvent immigration law and allow aliens to escape accountability for their crimes, Congress may also consider amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow federal immigration officials to consider additional circumstances, such as admissions of guilt and not simply convictions, in making determinations about foreign nationals’ inadmissibility, deportability, and eligibility for immigration relief and benefits.

Your May 18 letter represented to the Committee that you would respond in a timely manner. You have failed to do so. Despite writing weeks ago that you were “working quickly to retain counsel” to respond to the requests,¹⁹ the Committee has not received any of the materials requested. Accordingly, the Committee is initiating compulsory process to obtain the documents and material needed to fulfill its oversight and legislative obligations. Please find enclosed a subpoena compelling production of the requested documents by July 29, 2026.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

Enclosure

¹⁵ Mazars USA, LLP, 591 U.S. at 863 (internal quotation marks omitted).

¹⁶ See U.S. CONST. art. I, § 1; Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X(1)(9) (2025).

¹⁷ See H.R. 7640, Shut Down Sanctuary Policies Act of 2026.

¹⁸ See *id.*

¹⁹ See May 18 Letter, *supra* note 1.