

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Tom Emmer
Majority Whip
6th Congressional District of Minnesota
H-107, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Whip Emmer,

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Darren Weekly, we express our deepest appreciation for the opportunity to meet with your Chief of Staff and General Counsel to discuss the critical issues impacting our county and the nation at large.

We are particularly grateful for the chance to discuss Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's *Human Trafficking Fingerprint Background Check Protection Act*, a piece of legislation that we fully support. By requiring fingerprint-based background checks for all owners and employees of massage wellness spas, this bill is an important step forward in the fight against human trafficking and ensuring the safety of our communities.

We also appreciated discussing Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's *Private Sector Competition in Microtransit Act*. Encouraging private-sector competition and reducing government interference will reduce costs and save taxpayers money, and we wholeheartedly support this legislation.

We also commend you for your steadfast commitment to border security and upholding our nation's deportation laws. The insights shared by your office were invaluable, and we are encouraged by our shared determination to enforce the rule of law. Strengthening our borders and ensuring the removal of criminal illegal aliens from our country is a fundamental issue of public safety. We look forward to continuing our partnership in securing our borders and protecting American citizens from illegal immigration.

We were also grateful for the opportunity to discuss our proposal to federally authorize limited local law enforcement officials to assist in deportation efforts without facing legal barriers. Transforming detainer warrants into criminal federal warrants is another commonsense reform that would empower local officers to assist with immigration enforcement, while ensuring our communities are safer. We are optimistic that such reforms will better equip local law enforcement to uphold the law effectively.

In addition, we appreciate your team's attention to Douglas County's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of provisions in Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, particularly Articles 76.6 and 76.7. These provisions prevent state and local law enforcement from performing critical immigration enforcement tasks—such as arresting or detaining individuals for civil immigration violations, sharing personal identifying information with federal authorities, and engaging in

intergovernmental agreements to assist with immigration enforcement. These provisions undermine the integrity of our nation's immigration laws, and we are committed to seeing them overturned through litigation or Congressional action.

As noted in the January 17th letter from Representatives Evans, Crank, and Boebert to Governor Jared Polis, "these laws hamper and often outright prevent public safety investigations from being opened" where immigration status is relevant. It is deeply troubling that state and local governments are allowed to block federal immigration enforcement, and we are dedicated to ensuring that these unconstitutional policies are eliminated. We strongly encourage you to work with your colleagues in the Colorado Delegation and in Congress to pass federal legislation that prevents state and local governments from enacting sanctuary policies that hinder or contradict federal immigration enforcement.

Finally, we appreciated our discussion regarding federal transportation funding. It is imperative that resources be directed away from sanctuary cities, which obstruct law enforcement, and instead allocated to communities that prioritize law and order and lawful immigration enforcement. We hope to work closely with your team to advance this issue and to address the infrastructure needs in Douglas County that are vital to our community's growth and safety.

Thank you again for Robert and Jason's time, as well as your unwavering commitment to upholding the rule of law and protecting American citizens. We are eager to collaborate with you and your office to advance these critical priorities and ensure a safer, more secure future for Douglas County and America.

Sincerely,



Abe Laydon, Chairman



Kevin Van Winkle, Commissioner



George Teal, Commissioner



Darren Weekly, Sheriff