

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Andy Biggs
U.S. Representative
5th Congressional District of Arizona
464 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Biggs,

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Darren Weekly, we write to express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with your Legislative Counsel to address the urgent issues facing our county and the nation. The need for strong, decisive action has never been clearer, and we are grateful for your attention to these critical matters.

We were particularly pleased to discuss Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's *Human Trafficking Fingerprint Background Check Protection Act*, which we fully support. This legislation, requiring fingerprint-based background checks for those working in massage wellness spas, is an essential step in the fight against human trafficking. We urge the Judiciary Committee to fast-track this bill when it is reintroduced and pledge our full support to ensure its swift passage. The time for action on this issue is now.

We also commend you for your unwavering commitment to securing our borders and enforcing deportation laws. The work your office has done to strengthen border security and help remove criminal illegal aliens from our communities is not only necessary but urgent. As we all know, this is a matter of public safety and protecting American citizens. We stand with you in this effort and look forward to collaborating on meaningful solutions to enforce our immigration laws effectively.

Equally important is the discussion we had on empowering local law enforcement to assist in deportation efforts without facing legal hurdles. Transforming detainer warrants into criminal federal warrants is a straightforward, commonsense reform that would provide local officers with the necessary tools to uphold the law and protect our communities. Using a limited scope to federally authorize certain local law enforcement officials to assist in deportation efforts would also be of great benefit. We urge you to prioritize these reforms and work with your colleagues to pass legislation that will make it easier for local law enforcement to help uphold federal immigration law.

We also deeply appreciate your 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 unconstitutional state laws prevent local and state law enforcement from engaging in essential immigration enforcement duties—such as arresting or detaining illegal immigrants for civil immigration violations, sharing non-public personal identifying information with federal authorities, and entering into agreements with federal agencies to enforce

immigration law. We are committed to seeing these unconstitutional provisions overturned through litigation, and we urge you to continue supporting efforts to protect local law enforcement's ability to help enforce federal immigration laws.

As noted in the January 17th letter from Representatives Evans, Crank, and Boebert to Governor Jared Polis, these laws "prevent public safety investigations" by blocking critical inquiries where immigration status is a factor. It is intolerable that state and local governments are allowed to thwart federal immigration enforcement, and we are determined to see these dangerous policies eliminated. We call on you to work with your colleagues to pass federal legislation that explicitly prohibits sanctuary policies, ensuring that state and local governments cannot obstruct or undermine the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

Finally, we were encouraged by our discussion on federal transportation funding. It is unacceptable that sanctuary cities, which undermine law enforcement, continue to receive federal resources. We strongly believe that these funds should be redirected to communities that prioritize public safety and lawful immigration enforcement. We are eager to collaborate with you and your office to advance this crucial issue and ensure that our infrastructure investments go to communities that uphold the rule of law.

Thank you again for your team's time, insights, and your unwavering commitment to protecting American citizens. We look forward to continuing our work together 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