

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Tom McClintock  
U.S. Representative  
5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California  
2256 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McClintock,

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Darren Weekly, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with your Legislative Director and discuss the pressing issues facing our county and America.

We were particularly grateful to have the chance to share more about Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's *Human Trafficking Fingerprint Background Check Protection Act*. This important legislation mandates fingerprint-based background checks for owners and employees of massage wellness spas to combat human trafficking and improve public safety. We fully support this bill and encourage the Judiciary Committee to prioritize its consideration when it is reintroduced.

We also want to thank you for your steadfast support of President Trump's efforts on border security and deportation. The insights provided by your team were invaluable, and we are heartened by the alignment of our priorities. Strengthening immigration enforcement is critical to the safety of our communities, and we are eager to continue collaborating on solutions that enhance enforcement and safeguard our citizens.

In addition, we appreciated the opportunity to discuss our proposal for the limited federalization of local law enforcement, enabling our officers to assist in deportation efforts without facing legal obstacles. The conversation around transforming detainer warrants into criminal federal warrants to improve immigration law enforcement was also constructive, and we remain optimistic about potential legislative solutions that would better support local law enforcement's role in immigration enforcement.

We are also grateful for the chance to discuss Douglas County's ongoing lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of certain provisions in Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, specifically Articles 76.6 and 76.7. As highlighted in the January 17th letter from Representatives Evans, Crank, and Boebert to Governor Jared Polis, these provisions restrict state and local law enforcement from performing vital immigration enforcement tasks—such as arresting or detaining individuals for civil immigration violations, sharing personal identifying information with federal authorities, and entering into intergovernmental agreements for immigration enforcement.

As noted in that letter, these laws “hamper and often outright prevent public safety investigations,” undermining the ability to fully address cases where immigration status is a factor. No state or local government should be allowed to obstruct federal immigration laws, and we are committed to continuing our litigation on this matter. We also urge you to work with your colleagues in Congress to introduce preemptive legislation that ensures states and localities cannot enact sanctuary policies that undermine federal immigration enforcement.

Lastly, we were encouraged by our discussion regarding federal transportation funding. We believe that resources should be directed away from sanctuary cities and instead allocated to communities that prioritize public safety and lawful immigration enforcement. We look forward to future collaboration on this and other critical initiatives in Douglas County.

Thank you once again for Regan’s time, insights, and your continued commitment to addressing these important issues. We look forward to building on our discussion and finding new ways to protect and strengthen our communities and America.

Sincerely,



Abe Laydon, Chairman



Kevin Van Winkle, Commissioner



George Teal, Commissioner



Darren Weekly, Sheriff