

February 3, 2025

The Honorable Troy Nehls
U.S. Representative
2nd Congressional District of Texas
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Nehls,

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Darren Weekly, we want to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to meet with your Deputy Chief of Staff and your Legislative Director to discuss several key issues affecting our county and the nation.

We 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. We support this legislation and encourage the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to move this bill expeditiously upon reintroduction.

We were grateful to share more information about Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's *Human Trafficking Fingerprint Background Check Protection Act*. This legislation requires owners and employees of massage wellness spas to undergo fingerprint-based background checks to prevent human trafficking and enhance public safety. We support this bill and encourage the Judiciary Committee to move this bill in a timely manner once it's reintroduced.

We also appreciated the opportunity to discuss federal funding. The potential benefits of federal transportation and infrastructure dollars and grants for our county and region cannot be understated and we are excited about the potential to leverage these resources to enhance our roadways and infrastructure in Douglas County.

We also want to express our gratitude for your support of President Trump's efforts on border security and deportation. The insights shared by your team were incredibly helpful, and we are encouraged by your alignment with our shared priorities. Strengthening immigration enforcement is essential to the safety of our communities, and we are hopeful that we can continue working together to find solutions to improve enforcement and protect our citizens.

We also appreciated the opportunity to explore our proposal for the limited federalization of local law enforcement, allowing our officers to assist in deportation efforts without facing legal challenges. The discussion regarding changing detainer warrants to criminal federal warrants to improve immigration law enforcement was equally productive, and we are optimistic about potential solutions that could better support local law enforcement's role in immigration enforcement.

Finally, we were encouraged by the chance to discuss our proposal to ensure federal transportation funding is directed away from sanctuary cities and instead allocated to communities that prioritize public safety and lawful immigration enforcement. We are hopeful for future legislative collaboration on this matter and look forward to working together on critical infrastructure and transportation projects in Douglas County.

Thank you again for Cole and Mike's time, insights, and continued commitment to working with us on these important issues. We look forward to building on our discussion and finding new ways to strengthen our communities and protect our citizens.

Sincerely,



Abe Laydon, Chairman



Kevin Van Winkle, Commissioner



George Teal, Commissioner



Darren Weekly, Sheriff