

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Chip Roy
U.S. Representative
21st Congressional District of Texas
103 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Roy,

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Darren Weekly, we write to express our profound gratitude for the opportunity to meet with you and your Chief of Staff to discuss the urgent issues confronting our county and the nation.

We are particularly grateful for the chance to discuss Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's *Human Trafficking Fingerprint Background Check Protection Act*, which we wholeheartedly support. This bill, requiring fingerprint-based background checks for owners and employees of massage wellness spas, is a vital step in combating human trafficking and ensuring the safety of our communities. We strongly encourage the Judiciary Committee to move quickly on this legislation when it is reintroduced, and we stand ready to support it in any way we can.

Additionally, we commend your unwavering support to strengthen border security and uphold deportation laws. Your team's insights were invaluable, and we are encouraged by our shared commitment to enforcing immigration laws. Strengthening our borders and ensuring the deportation of criminal illegal aliens is not just a matter of policy—it is a matter of public safety. We look forward to continuing our work with you to improve enforcement and protect American citizens from those who break our laws.

We also greatly appreciated the opportunity to discuss our proposal to federally authorize targeted local law enforcement to assist in deportation efforts without facing legal hindrances. Our suggestion to amend detainer warrants into criminal federal warrants is a commonsense approach that will enhance immigration enforcement. We are optimistic that these reforms will further empower local officers to play a critical role in upholding the rule of law.

We also valued your attention to Douglas County's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of certain 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. These laws undermine the very fabric of our nation's immigration system, and we will continue our litigation to restore proper law enforcement authority.


As highlighted in the January 17th letter from Representatives Evans, Crank, and Boebert to Governor Jared Polis, these provisions “prevent public safety investigations” by restricting law enforcement's ability to investigate cases where immigration status is relevant. It is an

unacceptable overreach for state and local governments to impede federal immigration enforcement, and we are committed to ensuring that these policies are overturned. We strongly urge you to work with your colleagues in Congress to introduce preemptive federal legislation that prohibits state and local governments from enacting sanctuary policies that contradict, impede, or undermine federal immigration laws.

Finally, we are encouraged by our discussion about federal transportation funding. We firmly believe that resources should be directed away from sanctuary cities that obstruct law enforcement and instead be allocated to communities that prioritize lawful immigration enforcement and public safety. We are hopeful to partner with you to advance this issue and address other vital infrastructure needs in Douglas County.

Thank you again for Sabrina and your time and insights, and for your steadfast commitment to upholding the rule of law and protecting our citizens. We look forward to working with you and your office to advance these critical priorities and ensure a safer, stronger future for our communities and America.

Sincerely,



Abe Laydon, Chairman



Kevin Van Winkle, Commissioner



George Teal, Commissioner



Darren Weekly, Sheriff