

March 24, 2025

The Honorable Tom Tiffany  
U.S. Representative  
7th Congressional District of Wisconsin  
451 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Tiffany:

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and your staff. The discussion was both productive and enlightening, and we deeply appreciate your team's time and insights on a number of issues affecting our county and our nation.

We are especially appreciative of the chance to discuss the pressing matter of human trafficking and legislation that will be introduced soon by Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, the Human Trafficking Fingerprint Background Check Protection Act. This bill's mandate of fingerprint-based background checks for massage wellness spa owners and employees is crucial in addressing human trafficking and safeguarding public safety. We fully support this important bill and encourage the Judiciary Committee to prioritize it when reintroduced.

In addition, we are grateful for your unwavering support for President Trump's initiatives on border security and deportation. Strengthening immigration enforcement remains critical to the safety and security of our communities, and we value the alignment of our priorities. We look forward to continued collaboration on finding effective solutions in this area.

We also had a fruitful discussion regarding the challenges faced by local law enforcement in the immigration enforcement arena. Specifically, we appreciate the chance to present our proposal for the limited federalization of local law enforcement. This would allow our officers to assist in deportation efforts without encountering legal obstacles. Additionally, we are optimistic about potential legislative solutions surrounding detainer warrants and transforming them into criminal federal warrants, thus enabling better coordination between local law enforcement and federal authorities in enforcing immigration law.

Another key issue we discussed was Douglas County's ongoing lawsuit against certain provisions in Title 24 of the Colorado Revised Statutes—specifically Articles 76.6 and 76.7. These provisions restrict 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 entering into intergovernmental agreements. As we noted in the letter from Representatives Evans, Crank, and Boebert to Governor Polis, these laws hinder public safety investigations and prevent effective immigration law enforcement. We are committed to continuing our litigation on this matter and urge you to work with your colleagues in Congress to introduce preemptive legislation ensuring that states and localities cannot enact sanctuary policies that obstruct federal immigration enforcement.

Finally, we are encouraged by the productive conversation regarding federal transportation funding. We believe that federal resources should be allocated to communities that prioritize public safety and uphold lawful immigration enforcement, rather than to sanctuary cities. We look forward to further discussions on this and other initiatives that will positively impact Douglas County.

Once again, we thank you for your time and commitment to addressing these important issues. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you on initiatives that will help protect and strengthen our communities.

Sincerely,



George Teal, Commissioner