

February 3, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
U.S. Senator  
Texas  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cruz,

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Darren Weekly, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to meet with your staff and discuss a variety of critical issues facing our county and the nation.

We particularly valued our conversation with Jake Settle about supporting President Trump's efforts on border security and deportation, and we are grateful for his insights and your alignment on these priorities. The discussions on ways to strengthen our immigration enforcement and improve the safety of our communities were incredibly helpful, and we look forward to continuing to work together on these issues.

We also appreciated the conversation regarding 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 you know, these provisions prohibit state and local law enforcement from engaging in critical immigration enforcement activities, including arresting or detaining illegal immigrants for civil immigration violations, sharing non-public personal identifying information with federal authorities, and entering into intergovernmental agreements for immigration enforcement.


As Reps. Evans, Crank and Boebert pointed out in their January 17<sup>th</sup> letter to Colorado Governor Jared Polis, "these laws hamper and often outright prevent public safety investigations from being opened, which degrades the ability of law enforcement to investigate cases where immigration status might be a factor." No state or local government should be able to unilaterally undermine and impede federal immigration laws and enforcement and this dangerous patchwork approach is unconstitutional. We will continue to pursue our litigation on these matters. We also ask that you work with your colleagues in the Colorado delegation and in Congress to introduce preemptive legislation that ensures states and local governments can't adopt sanctuary city policies that contradict, impede, and undermine federal immigration laws.

Additionally, we appreciated the opportunity to discuss our proposal for the limited federalization of local law enforcement, enabling local officers to assist in deportation efforts without facing legal risks. Our idea of changing detainer warrants to criminal federal warrants to improve enforcement of immigration laws was also thoroughly explored.

Lastly, we discussed our proposal to ensure federal transportation funding dollars aren't going to sanctuary cities. We are optimistic about the potential for future legislative collaboration to help strengthen our communities and support critical infrastructure projects.

Thank you again for your time, your leadership, and your continued partnership on these important matters. We look forward to working together to find solutions that best serve the people of Douglas County and America.

Sincerely,



Abe Laydon, Chairman



Kevin Van Winkle, Commissioner



George Teal, Commissioner



Darren Weekly, Sheriff