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The Honorable Donald Trump
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Dear President Trump,

Thank you for your bold leadership in responding to the American people's mandate to enforce our nation's immigration laws. Your first 100 days resulted in operational control of the southern border, and your policies are poised to make further strides in ending the lawlessness the former administration inflicted on us over the last four years. I write today to encourage further action against those sanctuary jurisdictions who stand in the way of the American people's agenda and security, which you are seeking to implement and protect.

As of October 2024, the Biden-Harris administration had allowed and facilitated the admission of over twelve million illegal aliens into the country, including over six million illegal aliens released into American communities, while nearly two million illegal alien "gotaways" evaded Customs and Border Protection at the southwest border. Concurrently, the number of aliens present in the U.S. with final orders of removal grew to nearly 1.5 million. These increased metrics were the direct result of policies adopted by President Biden and his officials, with the damage worsened due to policies in place to make removal of illegal aliens nearly impossible.

Since your first day in office, you have rightly upheld federal immigration law and not only dramatically reduced the flow of illegal persons and drugs over the border, but prioritized resources and authorities to begin the removal of those here illegally, especially those who commit other crimes in the course of their unlawful presence in the country. The numbers speak for themselves, as daily border encounters are down 93%, encounters with gotaways are down 95%, and migrant crossings are down 99.99%. Additionally, over 151,000 illegal aliens were arrested in your first 100 days, with over 135,000 deported. Among those were 600 members of the violent Tren de Aragua gang who have been arrested or deported.


There are at least thirteen states and countless other cities and counties that operate as so-called “sanctuary jurisdictions.” As you know, these sanctuary jurisdictions shield criminal aliens from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) through various laws, ordinances, regulations, and other practices that prohibit their government employees from cooperating with federal law enforcement. These policies reject compliance with ICE detainers, impose unreasonable conditions on detainer acceptance, deny ICE’s ability to interview incarcerated aliens, and impose other constraints on federal officers.

Congress and the executive branch have proposed numerous policies to reduce the incentive for sanctuary jurisdictions to keep these laws and policies in place. Your April 28, 2025, executive order, *Protecting American Communities from Criminal Aliens*, seeks to identify and impose consequences on sanctuary jurisdictions.¹ Section 3 of the order further directs the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to “pursue all necessary legal remedies and enforcement measures to end these violations and bring such jurisdictions into compliance with the laws of the United States.”

As your administration considers further action to carry out your executive order, I am writing to highlight my recently introduced bill, the No Student Visas for Sanctuary Cities Act, which blocks the granting of student visas for educational institutions located in sanctuary jurisdictions. Such a policy could be achieved in the short term through executive action while Congress considers this idea, and it would further implement your stated intent to levy consequences for violating federal immigration law. Foreign students generate roughly \$40 billion annually through tuition and living expenses, with much of this going to the worst offenders in terms of sanctuary jurisdictions, such as California, Massachusetts, and New York.²

Thank you again for your bold leadership to end the crisis at our borders and restore order in this country. Unfortunately, sanctuary jurisdictions will continue to stand in the way of the law unless there are consequences for their obstreperous actions. Because of the scope and breadth of sanctuary jurisdictions, which expand beyond just the thirteen sanctuary states, bold action is needed, and I believe denying student visas for educational institutions located in sanctuary zones would go a long way in forcing states and localities to rethink their policies which violate federal law. I look forward to working with your administration further for the safety and security of the American people.

Sincerely,



Harriet M. Hageman
Member of Congress

¹ EO 14287: Protecting American Communities from Criminal Aliens. (90 FR 18761)

² Phillip Linderman. *How to Break the Sanctuary States*. The American Conservative. October 4, 2024.