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The Honorable Jose Garza  
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Dear Mr. Garza:

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of state and local jurisdictions that endanger American communities through their refusal to cooperate with federal immigration officials and their prioritization of illegal and criminal aliens over American citizens. We write to request information about your office's sanctuary policies, which ultimately endanger the communities you serve.

Under your leadership, the Travis County District Attorney's Office has routinely undermined the rule of law under the guise of safeguarding the public. You previously committed to "[p]rotect immigrant communities" by "creat[ing] a [district attorney's] office that considers the impact of charges and convictions" on foreign nationals and "ensures that the sentence imposed is not unduly harsh for any class of people."<sup>1</sup> You also vowed to "create an immigration task force composed of directly impacted people and policy experts to help Travis County move forward in making [Travis County] a place anyone can call home," apparently including foreign national criminals.<sup>2</sup> To support these pro-illegal alien policies, you promised that the Travis County District Attorney's Office would expand diversion programs even for foreign nationals charged with felonies so that they can avoid the "devastating" and "life-long" effects of "immigration."<sup>3</sup> More broadly, your office's soft-on-crime approach led to the release of at least five criminal aliens in 2024 alone.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Protect Immigrant Communities, Jose Garza for Dist. Att'y (captured Sept. 19, 2021), <https://perma.cc/TRP5-9BVD>.

<sup>2</sup> *See id.*

<sup>3</sup> Expand Diversion Programs, Jose Garza for Dist. Att'y (captured Nov. 17, 2019), <https://web.archive.org/web/20191117140640/https://www.joseforda.com/diversion-programs>.

<sup>4</sup> Tony Plohetski, *Travis County DA's missed deadlines results in deportation, not prosecution, of some defendants*, KVUE AUSTIN (June 19, 2025, 6:55 AM), <https://www.kvue.com/article/news/investigations/defenders/missed-deadlines/ice-deportations-austin-travis-county-missed-deadlines-jose-garza/269-0de8771c-7dff-4276-8929-97446b18a4b1>.

Under your office's pro-crime, pro-illegal immigration policies, illegal alien criminals are allowed to freely operate, terrorize local communities, and reoffend without consequences. Like other sanctuary jurisdictions we have examined, the shielding of criminal aliens from immigration enforcement in Travis County undermines public safety and thwarts the efficient enforcement of federal law. Accordingly, to assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and to inform potential legislative reforms to address sanctuary policies, we ask that you provide the following information:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Travis County District Attorney's Office's interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the period January 1, 2021, to the present;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Travis County District Attorney's Office's policies related to the prosecution of non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2021, to the present;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to the development of the Travis County District Attorney's Office's immigration-related policies, including its engagement with immigration attorneys, defense attorneys, and community advocates in such development, for the period January 1, 2021, to the present;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to active and closed cases in which attorneys in the Travis County District Attorney's Office considered immigration collateral consequences, including the defendants' initial charges and the cases' ultimate dispositions, for the period January 1, 2021, to the present, including:
  - a. Active and closed cases in which the Travis County District Attorney's Office authorized an alien defendant to replead;
  - b. Active and closed cases in which an alien defendant had a conviction reduced or vacated;
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Travis County District Attorney's Office's training materials related to immigration and collateral consequences for the period January 1, 2021, to the present;
6. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Travis County District Attorney's Office's policies related to bond for non-U.S. citizens for the period January 1, 2021, to the present; and
7. All documents and communications between or among the Travis County District Attorney's Office, the Austin Police Department, and the Travis County Sheriff's Office referring or relating to immigration enforcement for the period January 1, 2021, to the present.

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Please provide the information requested as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2026. The Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.<sup>5</sup> If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

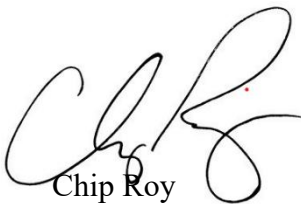
Sincerely,



Jim Jordan  
Chairman



Tom McClintock  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Immigration  
Integrity, Security, and Enforcement



Chip Roy  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Constitution  
and Limited Government

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration  
Integrity, Security, and Enforcement

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<sup>5</sup> Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2025).