

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable John Carter  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
Ranking Member  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable John Culberson  
Chairman  
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Subcommittee on Commerce,  
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable José Serrano  
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Subcommittee on Commerce,  
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Dear Chairman Carter and Culberson and Ranking Members Roybal-Allard and Honda:

As you begin work on the fiscal year (FY) 2018 Appropriations bills for Homeland Security and Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, we urge you to prevent funds from going to “sanctuary cities” that prevent law enforcement officials from faithfully executing our immigration laws.

Accordingly, we ask that you include language similar to the following:

*Sanctuary Cities*

*SEC. \_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to obligate or award funds to a State or a political subdivision of a State that--*

*(A) has in effect any law, policy, or procedure in contravention of subsection (a) or (b) of section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373); or*

*(B) prohibits State or local law enforcement officials from gathering information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.'*

The concept of sanctuary city policies is in direct opposition to the Rule of Law. A nation of laws must enforce established law, not seek ways to skirt enforcement. Sanctuary cities defy federal immigration laws by harboring untold numbers of illegal immigrants and providing safe havens for criminals, many of whom are violent offenders.

Tragically, recent events in Maryland have highlighted this danger to our communities. Henry Sanchez-Milian, an 18-year-old illegal alien, has been charged with the first-degree rape of a 14-year-old girl in the bathroom of a Montgomery County High School, within a county that deliberately thwarts federal policy

by refusing to work with federal immigration authorities to deport illegal immigrants. Despite having been apprehended in Texas by a U.S. Border Patrol agent and held for 12 days by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials, Sanchez-Milian was arbitrarily released and put on a plane to be reunited with his father, who is also in the country illegally. Even though he had been ordered before an immigration court judge, after seven months, Sanchez-Milian's hearing still had not taken place before this horrific event.

The shocking case of Kate Steinle in San Francisco in 2015, revealed the danger sanctuary cities pose to our Republic. Steinle was shot and killed by Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an illegal immigrant who had been deported five times. San Francisco authorities were asked to detain Sanchez until he could be turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials. The city declined and held Sanchez in jail for less than a month on a 20-year-old drug charge before releasing him on April 15, 2015, less than two months before he killed Steinle.

The Steinle killing called attention to the dangers sanctuary city policies pose to the safety and security of the American people. The House has voted and passed language that prohibits federal funds from going to sanctuary cities five different times in recent years. Again, we respectfully request that you prevent federal funds from going to sanctuary cities in FY 2018.

We thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your leadership on the committee.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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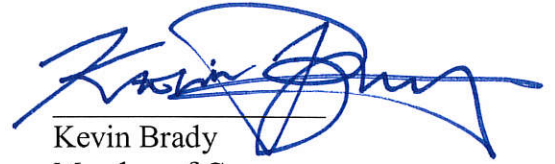
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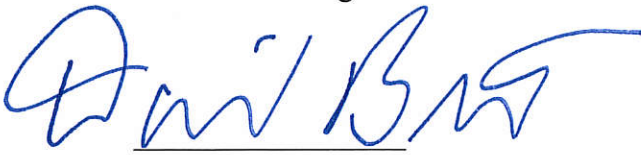
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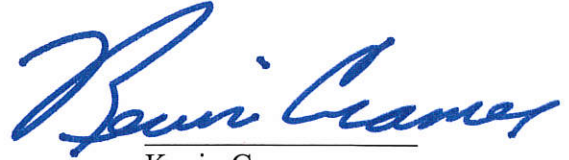
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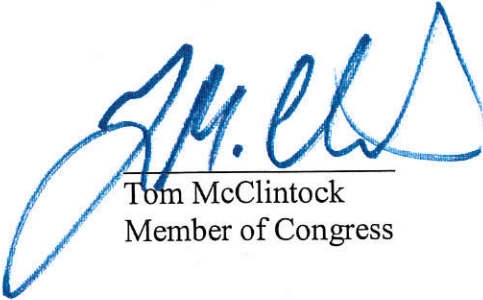
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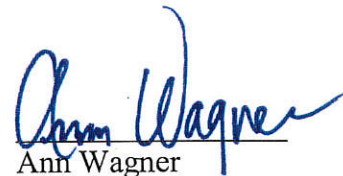
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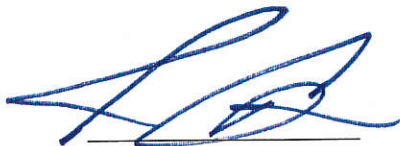
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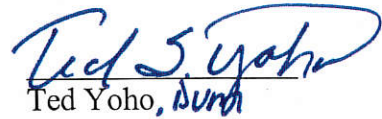
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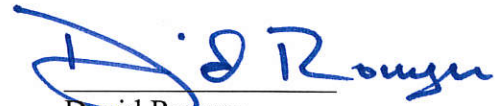
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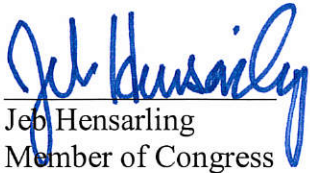
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