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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO (I.U.P.A.), I am writing to express our desire to see an end to sanctuary cities (and states).

We represent more than 100,000 active-duty, rank and file law enforcement officers across this great nation. Our members see first-hand the impact of criminal aliens, some of whom continue to victimize our communities and the brave men and women who enforce the law in those areas. The notion that municipalities can *forbid* law enforcement officials from sharing information or complying with lawful detainers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement hampers the efforts of these courageous professionals to protect the public.

We do not support local law enforcement taking over the work of Federal Law Enforcement. We likewise do not support the reporting of the immigration status of victims and witnesses. We DO recognize the necessity of holding criminal aliens, pursuant to an I.C.E. detainer, for a reasonable period in order to facilitate their transfer of custody to that agency.

Senator Toomey will be offering an amendment to any legislation that will be forthcoming during the debate on immigration. This amendment will contain language we have previously supported in Senate 87.

We support this amendment and feel that it is crucial to assist our members in fulfilling their goal of keeping their communities safe.

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We look forward to working with you and your staffs to put an end to the "sanctuary city" nonsense and get back to the concept of enforcing the laws of this nation.

My Deepest Respects,

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cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
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