

February 3, 2025

The Honorable Jeff Crank  
U.S. Representative  
5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Colorado  
1029 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Crank,

On behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Darren Weekly, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you, your Chief of Staff, and your Legislative Director to discuss several important issues affecting our county and the state of Colorado. It was a productive and insightful conversation, and we are very grateful for everyone's time.

We were particularly pleased to have the opportunity to discuss our proposal regarding the limited federalization of local law enforcement, which would allow our officers to assist in deportation efforts while avoiding legal risks. Additionally, our suggestion to change detainer warrants to criminal federal warrants for more effective immigration law enforcement was thoroughly explored, and we greatly appreciated your feedback on this important issue.

We also value the constructive dialogue regarding the redirection of federal transportation funds to non-sanctuary cities. Your receptiveness to this proposal gives us optimism for future collaboration in ensuring that federal resources are allocated in a manner that supports public safety and community infrastructure needs.

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 you and other members of the Colorado delegation pointed out in your 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." We are grateful for your leadership on this letter and support this effort. 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.

Furthermore, we greatly appreciated the opportunity to share the work of our Helitack team and the significant role our helicopter operations have played in responding to 33 wildfires last year. Your interest in a potential regional facility for first responders, which would include local law enforcement training and enhanced wildfire response capabilities, was particularly encouraging. We are confident that such a facility would be instrumental in strengthening both public safety and wildfire suppression efforts, and we are excited about the possibility of future collaboration on this project.

We appreciated discussing Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's *Private Sector Competition in Microtransit Act*. Encouraging private-sector competition and reducing government interference will reduce costs and save taxpayers money. We support this legislation and ask for your co-sponsorship upon reintroduction.

We were grateful to share more information about Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's *Human Trafficking Fingerprint Background Check Protection Act*. This legislation requires owners and employees of massage wellness spas to undergo fingerprint-based background checks to prevent human trafficking and enhance public safety. We support this bill and ask you to cosponsor once it's reintroduced.

Lastly, we were pleased to find common ground with you on the critical issue of keeping U.S. Space Command in Colorado. As we discussed, maintaining its presence here is vital not only for national security but also for the economic health of our state. We are united in our support for ensuring that U.S. Space Command remains in Colorado, and we appreciate your continued leadership on this matter.

Thank you once again for your time, thoughtful consideration, and support. We look forward to working together to advance these issues and continue building a stronger, safer Colorado.

Sincerely,



Abe Laydon, Chairman



Kevin Van Winkle, Commissioner



George Teal, Commissioner



Darren Weekly, Sheriff