March 3, 2026

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
2142 Rayburn House Building
Washington, D.C 20005

Dear Chair Jordan and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

The Maryland Freedom Caucus strongly endorses the Shut Down Sanctuary Policies Act, as a vital step toward restoring the rule of law and enhancing public safety across our nation. This legislation rightly mandates cooperation between state, local, and federal authorities in enforcing immigration laws, overriding misguided sanctuary policies that shield criminal illegal aliens from deportation. By withholding federal funds from non-compliant jurisdictions and clarifying the authority of ICE detainers, the bill ensures that dangerous individuals are not released back into our communities to reoffend.

In Maryland, we have witnessed the tragic consequences of Sanctuary State policies and the blatant refusal to work with federal law enforcement. We have seen the gruesome murders of many of our citizens, like Rachel Morin, Kayla Hamilton, and DaCara Thompson. This act aligns with our commitment to defending our communities from criminal illegals.

Furthermore, the Shut Down Sanctuary Policies Act provides essential legal protection for law enforcement officials acting in good faith and creates a private right of action for victims of crimes committed by released

illegal aliens. Our citizens must be able to hold accountable those jurisdictions that prioritize open border policies over their people.

We would like to thank Representative Tom McClintock for putting this vital piece of legislation forward. We implore all members of Congress to support this legislation and put an end to these deadly Sanctuary State policies.
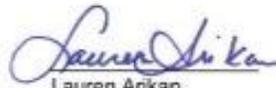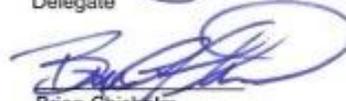
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