



## NATIONAL IMMIGRATION CENTER FOR ENFORCEMENT

Chairman McClintock, Ranking Member Jayapal, and esteemed members of this subcommittee, I come before you today to finally address a crisis that threatens the very foundation of our great nation – a crisis born of reckless policies that jeopardize the safety of our communities and shred the integrity of our immigration laws.

The sacred duty of any government is to shield its law-abiding citizens from harm. It's the bedrock of why we submit to governance, why we uphold the laws that bind us together. We cherish our families, our neighbors, our way of life – and we trust that the law will stand as our shield, a unifying force that levels the playing field for all.

This is what sets America apart: our reverence for the rule of law, so profound that we demand every aspiring citizen swear an oath steeped in its honor. But that system has betrayed too many of our people. This isn't some abstract debate about legal nuance or political gamesmanship. This is about the safety of our nation.

We face a stark reality: there are millions of illegal aliens roaming free among us, some on ICE radar, but nearly all in the shadows – criminals, those with final orders of removal, and the unknown. Worse still, there are hundreds of so-called sanctuaries – that roll out the red carpet for these lawbreakers while turning their backs on the honest citizens they're sworn to protect.

What strikes me is the silence from one side of the aisle across the aisle – no demand for real enforcement. Instead, we're drowned in a chorus of tired slogans and distractions like tattoo motives, chanted mindlessly as if repetition could offset illegality. Amnesty for all – no risk, no consequences.

At the same time, they rail against empowering state and local police to aid federal efforts, twisting logic into knots. These are the same officers we trust to hunt murderers, rapists, and traffickers – but if you inject immigration status, suddenly they're unfit? Their competence and integrity are repeatedly questioned by the minority– unless, of course, they're defying federal law outright. Then, of course, their defiance is cheered and enabled.

This brings us to that deceptive term: “sanctuary cities.” It sounds noble, doesn't it? A haven, a refuge. But for whom? Not our sons and daughters, left vulnerable. Not our communities, torn apart. No, these sanctuaries shield the lawless, not the lawful – and that betrayal cuts to the core of what America must stand against.

The American people spoke loud and clear in November. It's time for Congress to wake up, shift into Trump gear, and act decisively—end sanctuary cities for good and launch mass deportations now. Every day we delay, we roll the dice on the next preventable tragedy, the next innocent life lost to a criminal alien we could have sent packing.

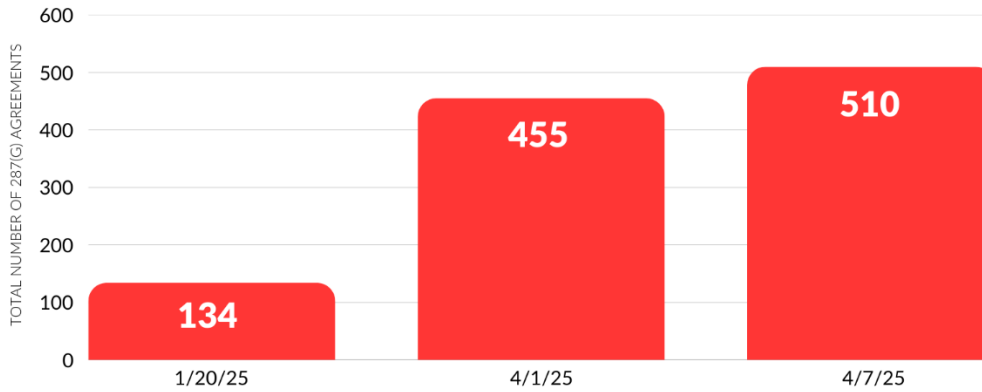
Lastly, just consider the numbers: From October 1, 2022, to February 6, 2025), more than 25,000 detainees were declined by sanctuary jails, and in more than 1,400 instances the jails failed to give adequate notification to ICE to take custody of the aliens. Among the findings:

- More than half of the declined detainees (52 percent) were refused by jails and prisons in California. The total number declined in California was 13,025.
- Illinois, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Connecticut also had especially large numbers of declined detainees.
- Detainees were declined by jails in 46 states and three U.S. territories (the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Marianas). Many of these states have state laws prohibiting sanctuary policies.
- The jail with the highest number of declined detainees or insufficient notice to ICE was the main jail in Santa Clara County, Calif., which released nearly 3,000 criminal aliens during the period.
- Cook County Jail in Illinois and Fairfax County Adult Detention Center in Virginia each also released more than 1,000 criminal aliens during the period.
- A total of 72 criminal aliens with homicide convictions or charges were released during the period. The Illinois River Corrections Center and the Santa Clara County jails each released six convicted killers, and Stateville Correctional Center in Illinois released five.

### **ICE Partnering with a Historic Number of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies**

## 287(G) AGREEMENTS ARE UP 280% UNDER TRUMP

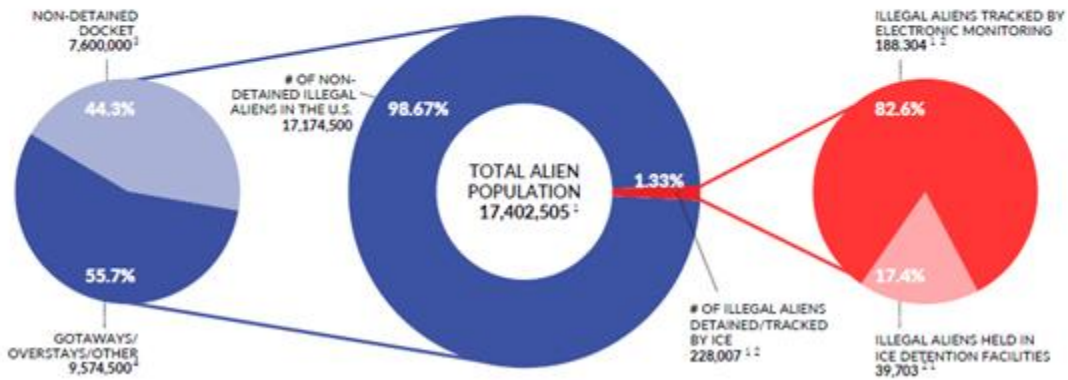
55 NEW AGREEMENTS IN THE PAST WEEK, AND 376 NEW AGREEMENTS SINCE INAUGURATION



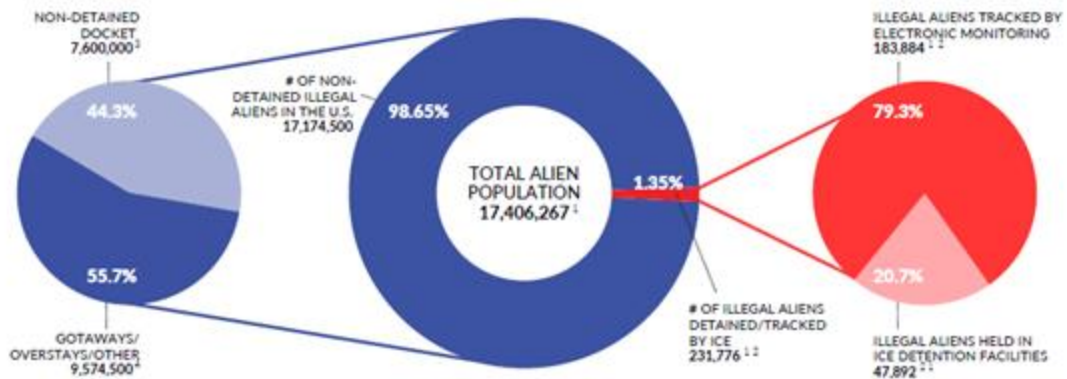
## Sanctuary Jurisdictions Disrupting Detention, Need More Resources

# MORE THAN 98% OF ILLEGAL ALIENS IN THE U.S. CONTINUE TO ROAM FREE

## LAST DAYS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION



## 60 DAYS INTO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION



***Despite a 21% increase in illegal aliens detained by ICE, Congressional inaction and the underutilization of electronic monitoring has allowed more than 98% of illegal aliens on ICE radar to continue to roam free across American communities.***

1. Based on data published by ICE between 1/6/2025 - 2/11/2025 (<https://www.ice.gov/detain/detention-management>)
2. Based on data published by ICE between 3/17/2025 - 3/22/2025 (<https://www.ice.gov/detain/detention-management>)
3. <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-release-fiscal-year-2024-annual-report>
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