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President Donald J. Trump,

The House Freedom Caucus stands behind you and the men and women of ICE and CBP in carrying out their duty to protect the American people, defend the rule of law, and remove dangerous illegal aliens from our communities. We thank them for arresting and removing hundreds of thousands of criminal illegal aliens over the past year, efforts that have also caused hundreds of thousands more to self deport – especially important given there are 1.5 million aliens under orders of removal from judges.

Despite this success, there is much more to do to keep Americans safe. But a lawless, organized group of Marxists is actively coordinating to undermine the efforts of law enforcement and to make it impracticable to enforce the laws of the United States. As you rightfully observed, Democrat-run Sanctuary Cities and States “are REFUSING to cooperate with ICE, and they are actually encouraging Leftwing Agitators to unlawfully obstruct their operations to arrest the Worst of the Worst People!”

All Americans have the right to protest – including their right to speech and to bear arms consistent with our laws – but there is no right to thwart federal, state, or local law enforcement and the state of order among our citizens. The coordinated effort to stop law enforcement by politicians in Minnesota and around the country has caused chaos, and led to the tragic deaths of two Americans in Minnesota. It must end.

To that end, we encourage you to:

1. Maintain necessary law enforcement including ICE in Minneapolis and all other locations necessary to carry out removals of dangerous aliens and to maintain order and safety for all Americans;
2. Use all tools necessary – including the Insurrection Act under 10 U.S. Code § 252 – to maintain order in the face of unlawful obstructions and assemblages that prevent the enforcement of the laws of the United States. The Act has been used 30 times in our history, ranging from the efforts of Presidents Washington and Adams to suppress rebellions, to Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson enforcing federal court orders desegregating schools. Most recently, President George H.W. Bush used the Act in 1992 at the request of California’s Governor to restore order during a period of civil unrest;

3. End funding for Sanctuary Cities, whose policies create chaos by making it impossible for federal law enforcement officers to enforce our laws, thereby putting criminal illegal aliens over law-abiding American citizens. House Freedom Caucus members worked to defund sanctuary cities in the appropriations process, but we were not allowed to offer an amendment on the House floor; and
4. Ensure the Department of Homeland Security is funded fully along with all remaining appropriation bills – and not allow Democrats to strip its funding out to pass other appropriations separately. We cannot support giving Democrats the ability to control the funding of our Department of Homeland Security.

The House has passed an appropriations package negotiated and agreed to by Senate Democrats. The package will not come back through the House without funding for the Department of Homeland Security. If Democrats insist on renegeing and shutting down the government, endangering Americans to side with criminal illegal aliens, the Freedom Caucus stands ready to take all steps necessary to fund government unilaterally – by supporting (a) changing the Senate rules to end the “fake” filibuster threshold (b) moving an emergency reconciliation bill to fund the departments of Homeland Security and War, and (c) efforts by the Executive Branch to transfer funding with maximum flexibility.

We support you in standing up for the average hardworking American who wants to restore law and order, preserve our nation, defend common sense, and remove the millions of violent criminal illegal aliens endangering our communities.

With great respect,

The House Freedom Caucus Board of Directors