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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
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Dear Secretary Noem,

I first want to congratulate you on your confirmation and your incredible leadership in your first week as the Secretary of Homeland Security. President Trump has made an outstanding selection to run the agency responsible for securing our borders from dangerous criminals and cartels, as well as protecting our homeland from threats abroad.

I want to express my deep concern regarding the ongoing efforts by certain state and local officials to obstruct federal immigration enforcement and undermine the rule of law. As you know, the Biden Administration's radical policies have led to an unprecedented crisis at our Southern border, and President Trump's leadership is now restoring order. However, this mission is being actively hindered by those who refuse to comply with federal mandates aimed at securing our nation.

One highly concerning case is the Mayor of Grand Rapids, Michigan, David LaGrand, who has taken steps to obscure illegal aliens from deportation and federal law enforcement effort. This blatant disregard for our nation's immigration laws is not only unlawful, but it endangers public safety and national security. This is a direct contradiction to the mandate the American people overwhelmingly voted for. State and local leaders who deliberately defy federal immigration policies must be held accountable for their efforts.

I strongly urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to take swift and decisive action against jurisdictions and officials who aid and abet illegal immigration. In November 2024, illegal alien Brandon Ortiz-Vite brutally murdered his girlfriend in cold blood in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ortiz-Vite is yet another example of an undocumented immigrant taking advantage of the previous administration's reckless policies by illegally reentering the United States after being initially deported in 2020. We must ensure that federal law is enforced uniformly across the country, and that no elected officials are allowed to circumvent their duty to uphold the law.

President Trump has made it clear that restoring law and order is a top priority for this administration, and I stand firmly in support of that mission. I respectfully request that DHS outlines critical steps to investigate and address noncompliance from local and state officials, and what measures are being considered to hold these individuals accountable.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your response and working together to ensure that our nation's immigration laws are enforced fairly and consistently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa C. McClain". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Congresswoman Lisa C. McClain
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