

March 5, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries,

As elected leaders of cities, counties, and local and state governments, our primary responsibility is to ensure the well-being of all our constituents and to allocate local resources in a way that reflects the values and needs of our communities. We oppose the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act ([H.R. 32](#)) because it would undermine our ability to fulfill this mandate, forcing us to divert limited local resources to enforce federal immigration policy—an overreach that is fiscally irresponsible and detrimental to the trust our communities have placed in us.

Every day, we work in partnership with the federal government to ensure that essential services—such as education, transportation, housing, food aid, public health, and crime prevention—are effectively delivered to our residents. H.R. 32 would upend that relationship by allowing the federal government to punish so-called “sanctuary” jurisdictions by blocking critical federal funding based on community-driven decisions as to how local and state governments should prioritize very limited resources. This bill provides broad discretion to federal officials in determining which funds would be withheld, potentially jeopardizing programs like the National School Lunch Program, Meals on Wheels, Head Start, public transit, emergency medical care, and disaster response services.

H.R. 32 imposes a one-size-fits-all penalty that disregards the diversity of local governance structures. As many as 700 local governments in 32 states (and D.C.)—regardless of political affiliation—could face funding cuts that would impact every member of our communities, including U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents.

Many local jurisdictions do not have direct control over the policies the bill seeks to penalize, yet they would be forced to choose between losing essential federal funds or shifting local resources away from their most pressing community priorities. Federal dollars allocated to public

services—such as transportation and emergency response—are distributed based on community needs, not citizenship status, and should not be leveraged to coerce local and state governments into carrying out federal immigration enforcement.

The trust between local and state governments and the communities we serve is critical to public safety and stability. When residents fear that accessing schools, hospitals, libraries, food banks, and other essential services could expose them or their loved ones to immigration enforcement, they are less likely to seek assistance—undermining public safety, health, education, and economic stability for everyone. Our responsibility as local and state officials is to steward our communities effectively, not to be compelled into serving as an extension of federal agencies.

H.R. 32 is not a solution—it is a punitive measure that would harm all members of our communities, including U.S. citizens and lawful residents, disrupt local governance, and erode the trust necessary for thriving communities. We urge you to oppose H.R. 32 and instead pursue bipartisan policies that strengthen public safety and support an immigration system that works for all Americans.

Sincerely,

The following **354** state and local elected leaders from the following **30** states:

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