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The Honorable Hal Rogers, Chairman
 Appropriations Committee
 United States House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Culberson, Chairman
 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Committee
 United States House of Representatives
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairmen Rogers and Culberson,

On behalf of the Federation for American Immigration Reform's (FAIR) 250,000 members and supporters nationwide, I am writing to commend you for your efforts to use the power of the purse to deny federal funds to sanctuary jurisdictions—States and localities with policies that impede federal immigration enforcement. FAIR supports your goal of prohibiting sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving federal grants in the Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations bill.

Chairman Culberson's letter to Attorney General Loretta Lynch in February threatening to use Congress's budgetary authority if she failed to shut down sanctuary jurisdictions was an important first step. In the Justice Department's (DOJ) response, released just ahead of Attorney General Lynch's appearance before the CJS Appropriations Committee, the Obama administration conceded for the first time that sanctuary cities are a public safety danger. With this admission, Congress should be emboldened to use the appropriations process to deny federal grants to jurisdictions that impede federal immigration enforcement.

It is crucial to ensure that DOJ has actually shifted their policy regarding sanctuary cities. FAIR applauds Chairman Culberson for going on record vowing to hold the Obama administration accountable. The House has voted and passed language that prohibits federal funds from going to sanctuary jurisdictions five different times in recent years. FAIR respectfully requests the Committee to include language in CJS to prevent



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states that support sanctuary city policies from receiving federal grants. In addition, we respectfully request that the appropriations bill includes language requiring quarterly reports from the Administration on their efforts in this area.

We truly appreciate your efforts to ensure the Department of Justice does not provide grants to entities refusing to comply with our immigration laws and we look forward to continuing to work with you during the appropriations process for FY 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Stein', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Stein, President

Federation for American Immigration Reform