

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We write to you with grave concern over recent reports that four of the migrants that were recently videotaped assaulting two New York Police Department (NYPD) officers in Times Square have fled New York's jurisdiction. As you know, last week a group of men assaulted two NYPD officers outside of a migrant shelter. While we are glad that seven of these men were arrested and indicted, recent reports have stated that four of these men have used fake identities to buy transportation to California, possibly with the intent of returning to Mexico. As a result, we demand an update on what steps you are taking to track down these fugitives and prevent a repeat incident.

Despite the fact that these individuals were bail-eligible, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg refused to request cash bail, allowing these violent criminals with no ties to New York City to be released. Once again, we reiterate our call for you to fire DA Bragg for his radical pro-crime policies and his refusal to enforce the law.

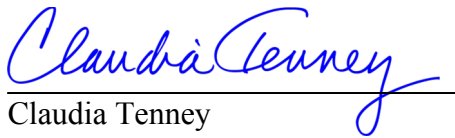
We are also concerned that if these men are convicted for the videotaped violent assault, New York State and New York City will continue refusing to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. As Mayor Eric Adams recently stated, "Those violent [migrants], we need to immediately have them removed from our city." New York State must end its refusal to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement officers, especially for individuals that commit heinous crimes, such as assaulting our law enforcement officers.

In response to this horrific incident, we request answers to the following questions:

- 1) What are you doing to ensure that the migrants who have fled New York's jurisdiction appear for their court date?
- 2) If these migrants fail to appear, what action will you take?
- 3) Will you turn over any migrants who are found guilty of assaulting the NYPD officers to federal immigration authorities?
- 4) Do you support DA Bragg's decision not to request bail for these individuals, given the reports that they have fled the jurisdiction, the heinous crimes they are accused of, and their lack of community ties?
- 5) Do you agree with Mayor Adams that "Those violent [migrants], we need to immediately have them removed?"

It is beyond time for you to begin taking our immigration crisis seriously, as your response thus far can be described as lackluster at best. We thank you in advance for your time and attention to these important questions.

Sincerely,



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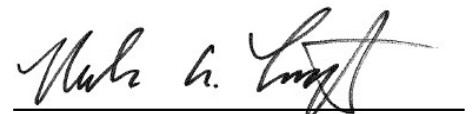
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