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June 27, 2025

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

Dear Governor Hochul,

I write to you as a follow-up to your testimony during the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hearing held on June 12, 2025 regarding sanctuary state policies. Unfortunately, you left many of my questions unanswered, and despite promising to follow up, you have failed to do so.

As a direct result of the failed open-border policies supported by former President Biden and your administration, New York State faces an illegal immigrant criminal crisis that President Trump and Border Czar Tom Homan, a fellow New Yorker, are correcting. Under your administration, New York State has continued to operate as a sanctuary state and refused to cooperate with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to deport individuals breaking our nation's laws by entering this country illegally. Instead of reversing these policies, your administration has demonstrated a willingness to put our communities in danger and waste billions of taxpayer dollars on illegal aliens.

Due to your failure to answer my questions in the Committee hearing or provide the requested follow-up information, I request answers to the following questions:

- 1) How many illegal aliens are currently in New York State's prison system?
  - a) What is the cost to New York State taxpayers to incarcerate these illegal aliens?
  - b) Why does your administration not call ICE immediately after the conviction of these illegal aliens, instead opting to wait until their sentence is nearly over?
  - c) How many of these illegal aliens are members of gangs?
  - d) How many inmates or corrections officers have been injured by illegal aliens?
  - e) How many of these incidents have involved illegal aliens that are gang members?

- 2) In 2012, you stated that you “do not support [Governor Spitzer’s] plan to give driver’s licenses to illegal immigrants.” In light of these comments, would you support repealing the Green Light Law to prevent illegal aliens from procuring driver’s licenses?
- a) Do you support the Green Light Law’s provisions that prohibit ICE from obtaining data from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the purposes of immigration enforcement?
- 3) What is the total amount of taxpayer funds that New York State has spent on services for illegal aliens during your tenure as Governor?

I respectfully request you provide me with answers to these important questions no later than July 11, 2025. I also implore you to reverse New York’s disastrous sanctuary state policies that jeopardize the safety and security of my constituents and all New Yorkers. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter, and I look forward to seeing your answers to these questions expeditiously, as promised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudia Tenney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Claudia Tenney  
Member of Congress