NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE



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The Honorable Kelly Loeffler Administrator **Small Business Administration** 409 3rd St SW Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator Loeffler.

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to commend you on your recent decision to move Small Business Administration (SBA) offices out of sanctuary cities and to strongly encourage you to consider relocating the SBA's Colorado District Office to Douglas County, Colorado.

Douglas County has been at the forefront of challenging sanctuary city policies and advocating for law and order. The County Commissioners have been proactive in addressing this issue by filing lawsuits against the state of Colorado for its sanctuary laws, which restrict local law enforcement from performing critical immigration enforcement duties. These unconstitutional laws prevent law enforcement from cooperating with federal authorities, sharing essential immigration information, and entering into agreements with federal agencies to enforce immigration laws.

In contrast to sanctuary cities, Douglas County has worked tirelessly to safeguard its residents and collaborate with federal agencies, such as ICE, to ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens. In 2023, Douglas County passed a Resolution affirming that it is not a sanctuary jurisdiction, solidifying its commitment to enforcing immigration laws and rejecting sanctuary policies that compromise public safety.

Additionally, the county demonstrated its commitment to challenging sanctuary policies by sending a letter to Denver Mayor Mike Johnston requesting the repeal of two key sanctuary laws that obstruct federal immigration enforcement. This proactive stance underscores Douglas County's commitment to ensuring public safety and cooperating with federal authorities, rather than adhering to sanctuary city policies that undermine law enforcement efforts. Douglas County remains committed to principles of law and order, fiscal responsibility, and supporting local businesses. This commitment makes it an ideal location for the SBA's Colorado District Office.

Douglas County is not only a hub for pro-business policies, but it is also home to more than 14,000 small businesses employing over 130,000 people across a range of industries, including technology, manufacturing, and retail. Additionally, it is home to five large, prime businesses that drive innovation and contribute significantly to the state's small business supply chain. The county's strategic location along major highway corridors, including I-25, Highway 85, and C-

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470, ensures efficient access to the rest of the state and makes it a key economic center in Colorado.

Douglas County's pro-business environment, focus on public safety, and dedication to upholding the rule of law make it an excellent choice for relocating the SBA's Colorado District Office. I am confident that this move would not only streamline SBA operations but also strengthen support for small businesses across Colorado and beyond.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. I look forward to the opportunity to work with you to ensure the continued growth and success of small businesses in Colorado.

Sincerely,

Lauren Boebert

Member of Congress