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The Honorable Eric H. Holder  
Attorney General  
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

The Administration's record on immigration enforcement continues to incite frustration among lawmakers in Congress, community leaders and millions of Americans who have witnessed or experienced violence, unemployment or any other consequence attributable to illegal immigration. This issue will surely remain a topic of fierce debate in the months preceding the November election, but, even so, this should have no effect on the federal government's responsibility to enforce the law.

Now that Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement John Morton has requested that you take legal action against one of many illegal immigrant sanctuaries, Cook County in Illinois, for refusing to turn over offenders for removal, there is yet another opportunity for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to prove its seriousness about enforcing the law. DOJ is obligated to act on this request from Director Morton, who is on the record as saying, "right now, it's not a question of Cook County releasing some individuals to us. They are releasing no individuals to us, including very violent offenders, and I just don't think that's good policy."

Director Morton is right. Not only is this bad policy, but it is also an endangerment to the community. Just as important, other sanctuaries that stand in direct violation of the law are paying close attention to your actions here—and your decision will surely have a direct effect on these states, counties and cities.

Since DOJ has yet to decide on what action it will take, the only conclusion is that there is either hesitation or opposition on your part. I truly hope this is not the case and that, as Attorney General of the United States, you will do what is right and take immediate action against Cook County and any other sanctuary that refuses to comply with the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Duncan Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Duncan Hunter  
Member of Congress