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The Honorable Jeff Sessions  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I applaud your agency's determination to enforce our country's immigration laws. Sanctuary cities put the public's safety at risk by unilaterally choosing to return dangerous, illegal immigrants to the streets instead of turning them over to federal immigration authorities. To that end, I would encourage all jurisdictions to assist and work with federal immigration agents in identifying illegal immigrants who pose a threat to the public.

As you know, public officials in the state of California have recently threatened law-abiding citizens from cooperating with federal immigration agents. This is unacceptable. All states, California included, should follow the law of the land, and that includes our nation's federal immigration statutes. Further, law-abiding Californians should have the right to cooperate with federal officials without fear of action against them from local officials. Should the state follow through on its threat, I urge the Justice Department to rescind and withhold all federal law enforcement grants for the state of California.

Respectfully,

  
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