Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 26, 2025

Hon. Jenniffer A. González Colón
Governor of Puerto Rico
La Fortaleza
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Governor González Colón,

We write to express our serious concern with the Government of Puerto Rico's recent decision to share personal information about immigrants with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), including individuals who obtained driver's licenses under Puerto Rico law.

On June 4, 2025, it became publicly known that Puerto Rico's Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTOP) disclosed information to HSI regarding allegedly undocumented individuals.[1] On June 6, 2025, you stated that DTOP had complied with a subpoena and was obligated under federal law to share this information to avoid jeopardizing federal funding.[2] However, on June 10, 2025, the head of ICE in Puerto Rico publicly contradicted that claim, stating that no subpoena had been issued and that no such threat to withhold funding had been made.[3]

We respectfully disagree with your interpretation of federal law and believe it misrepresents the legal obligations of local governments. Federal immigration law does not require Puerto Rico, or any state or territory, to voluntarily share DMV or other personal data with immigration enforcement authorities. On the contrary, the executive branch cannot compel jurisdictions to carry out immigration enforcement actions.

States and local governments across the country, in the exercise of their self-government, have resisted unlawful efforts by the Administration to condition federal funds on local cooperation with immigration authorities. Courts repeatedly have found those efforts unconstitutional.[4]

The Government of Puerto Rico must protect the confidential information that immigrants have provided to it, unless a final judicial order requires otherwise. It should not be disclosed voluntarily, especially to harm the residents and contradict the laws that as public servants we swore to protect.

With all due respect to your authority as governor, we urge you to reconsider the decision for DTOP and other agencies to voluntarily share immigrant data with HSI. We also encourage you to follow the example set by other jurisdictions that have lawfully resisted improper federal overreach.

Sincerely,

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[1] https://www.elnuevodia.com/noticias/gobierno/notas/ice-y-dtop-confirman-intercambio-de-informacion-sobre-conductores-inmigrantes-en-puerto-rico/
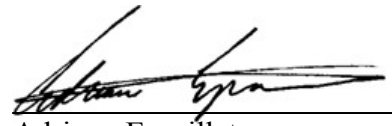
[2] https://radioisla.tv/gobernadora-reconoce-entregaron-informacion-sobre-inmigrantes-a-hsi-en-enero/

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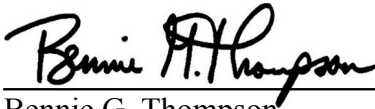
[4] https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Illinois%20v.%20FEMA%20Filed%20Complaint.pdf
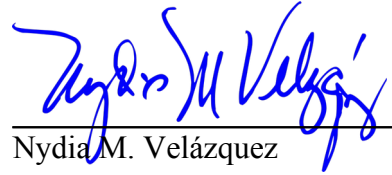
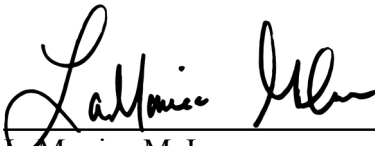Pablo José Hernández
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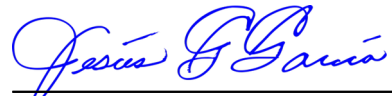Member of Congress

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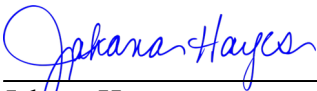LaMonica McIver
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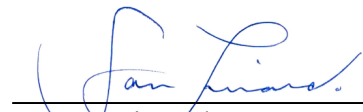
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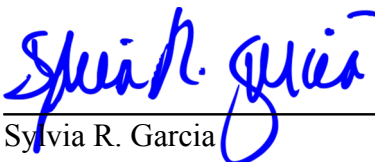
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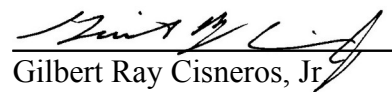Member of Congress

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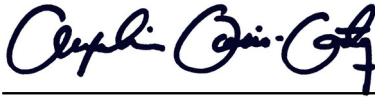Member of Congress

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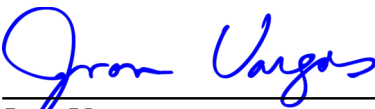Member of Congress

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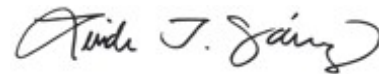Member of Congress

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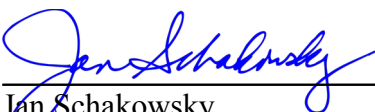Robert J. Menendez
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