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Subject: **Federal Action Needed to Require Compliance with ICE Detainers
North Carolina Counties with US Marshal IGAs**

Dear Honorable Members of North Carolina's Congressional Delegation:

North Carolina has seven sheriffs who refuse to honor ICE detainers. Three of these sheriffs' departments hold Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) to serve as federal detention facilities. These contracts are very lucrative as the IGAs generate more than \$35.3 million between the three counties. This is a county revenue stream that far exceeds the cost of housing federal inmates.

The sheriffs in Cabarrus, Gaston, Henderson, and New Hanover counties have similar IGAs with the U.S. Marshals Office to serve as federal detention facilities, yet those sheriffs willingly cooperate with ICE, as required by their oaths of office.

While seven sheriffs claim they have no legal right to honor these detainers and refuse to cooperate with a federal law enforcement agency, the other 93 sheriffs in North Carolina do not appear to share this interpretation.

From my travels across the state over the past year as a statewide candidate, it is clear citizens across the state are very concerned about sheriffs refusing to cooperate with ICE. This is not an issue that stops at a county border since defendants can easily move across the state and commit crimes in other counties.

Since IGAs for counties to serve as detention facilities are federal contracts, **I urge the North Carolina congressional delegation to take immediate action, through collaboration with the US Marshals Office, to require cooperation with ICE, and all federal law enforcement agencies, as a condition of their federal Intergovernmental Agreements.**

Thank you for your service to our state. I stand ready to work with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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