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CC: Senator Ted Budd, Senator Thom Tillis, Representative Don Davis, Representative Deborah K. Ross, Representative Greg Murphy, Representative Valerie Foushee, Representative Virginia Foxx, Representative Addison McDowell, Representative David Rouzer, Representative Mark Harris, Representative Richard Hudson, Representative Pat Harrigan, Representative Chuck Edwards, Representative Alma Adams, Representative Brad Knott and Representative Tim Moore, Homeland Security Investigations Charlotte Field Office via mail

Re: Broad Support for ACLU of North Carolina FOIA Request Seeking Transparency on Federal Immigration Enforcement in North Carolina

To Whom it May Concern:

We, Charlotte-based faith leaders, business owners, and public interest groups, alongside Charlotte/Mecklenburg elected officials and statewide allied organizations, write in unified support of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina's request for records, submitted on March 5, 2026, concerning the participation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) immigration enforcement operations in North Carolina.

On November 15, 2025, CBP surged into Charlotte and expanded their presence across North Carolina under the banner of "Operation Charlotte's Web." As North Carolinians sought clear, reliable information to understand the scope of these actions and ensure community safety, residents and elected officials alike were left without meaningful transparency, resulting in widespread confusion about the nature and extent of the operation. During the operation, federal agents racially profiled residents, damaged property, kidnapped people, threatened protestors and legal observers, and ignored due process.

These agencies' actions have been deeply unsettling and have caused lasting harm to immigrants, people perceived to be immigrants, families, friends, neighbors, business owners, schools, and

faith communities. The lack of transparency surrounding these activities has created ongoing fear, underscoring the urgent need for clarity to understand the full scope and impact of DHS's "Operation Charlotte's Web" and subsequent efforts in North Carolina.

North Carolinians demand transparency amid increasingly secretive and aggressive immigration enforcement, which threatens community safety and erodes trust in public institutions. We urge ICE and CBP to comply fully and in a timely manner with the FOIA request submitted by the ACLU of North Carolina. Our communities deserve answers.

Sincerely,

Advance North Carolina
American Association of University Professors, UNC Charlotte Chapter
AMEXCAN
Brava NC
Carolina Migrant Network
ChangeWell Psych
Charlotte First United Methodist Church
Climate Sanctuary
Common Cause North Carolina
Community Civil Activist
Create the Pause PLLC
Democracy North Carolina
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Disco Honey
Education Justice Alliance
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Forward Justice
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