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The Honorable Nick LaLota 1st Congressional District of New York 122 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman LaLota,

On behalf of AMAC Action, the advocacy affiliate of AMAC - the Association of Mature American Citizens, and our more than 2 million members, I am writing to express our strong support for the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act, and to commend your leadership in addressing the consequences of sanctuary city policies. The passage of this bill in the 118th Congress with bipartisan support demonstrates its critical importance and widespread appeal. I urge the Senate to act swiftly to advance this essential legislation in the 119th Congress.

Sanctuary city policies have created significant burdens for communities across the country, prioritizing resources for illegal immigrants while straining local infrastructure and compromising public safety. As you have rightly stated, these jurisdictions have chosen to defy federal immigration laws and, as a result, should bear the financial consequences of their actions. Taxpaying citizens should not be forced to subsidize the food, shelter, healthcare, and legal services provided to migrants in sanctuary cities—especially when these policies directly undermine the rule of law.

The recent influx of over 100,000 migrants into New York City, with more than 58,000 still relying on city care, highlights the unsustainable nature of current policies. However, despite the outcry and overwhelming demand for change, sanctuary cities and states have not amended their policies.

Your bill takes a clear stand by ensuring that federal funds are not used to bail out sanctuary cities for the consequences of their own decisions. By prohibiting federal funding for resources such as food, shelter, healthcare, legal services, and transportation for migrants in these jurisdictions, the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act rightfully shifts accountability back to those responsible.

I applaud your commitment to protecting taxpayers and holding sanctuary cities accountable. The passage of this bill in the 118th Congress reflects its bipartisan appeal and underscores the urgency of this issue. I urge the Senate to take up this legislation without delay to ensure fairness for law-abiding citizens and to reinforce the integrity of our immigration system.

Sincerely.

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