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The Honorable Gurbir Grewal, Attorney General
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Dear Attorney General Grewal:

During the 2017 gubernatorial campaign, both candidate for Governor Phil Murphy and running mate Sheila Oliver made the imposition of what became your Sanctuary State directive a central platform of their campaign for political office. It is fair to say that despite your protestations to the contrary, the impetus for the imposition of your Sanctuary State directive came – not from law enforcement – but from the Governor and his political advisors.

You are now engaged in a battle with the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders over an attempt by them to know what the voters think about your directive and to allow the voters to advise accordingly, the constitutional office of county Sheriff, for which they provide for entirely from the revenue derived out of the property taxes they pay. We believe this decision by the Murphy administration – to attempt to block a free vote by the people – smacks more of politics than law enforcement.

You have been quick in your attempt to impose Governor Murphy's will on the taxpayers of Sussex County, quick to take from the voters their right to advise a constitutional office they elect and pay for, quick to bully and threaten them and their elected representatives. We believe you owe the people of Sussex County an explanation.

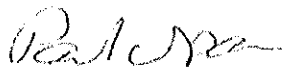
To this end, we would like you to take a look at your schedule to determine when you could appear before the taxpayers of Sussex County to explain how you devised your Sanctuary State directive and your subsequent attempts to violate the peace of our community – to force it

upon our elected constitutional officers, while attempting to block the people's right to vote on a matter that directly concerns them.

Please get back to us with your best dates and times so that the appropriate body can arrange a public meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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