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The Honorable Pam Bondi
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Dear Mr. Elzinga, Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield and United States Attorney General Pam Bondi,

The Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) is aware of the Declaratory Judgment Complaint recently filed by Marion County (*Marion County v. Kotek, et al*, 6:25-cv-01464-MC) seeking clarification of their legal obligations in light of the apparent conflicts between the Oregon Sanctuary Promise Act, Oregon Public Records Act, and federal law. We agree that there is a good deal of uncertainty in how these state and federal laws apply to local governments and Sheriff's Offices in the State of Oregon, including those situations where a Sheriff's Office or local government is served with an administrative subpoena pursuant to 8 USC §1225.

We recognize that a declaratory judgment action is intended to declare the rights of the parties, but OSSA respectfully encourages the parties to ask Judge McShane to issue a detailed opinion that provides the type of clarity that will help **all** local governments in Oregon ensure they are properly following federal, state, and local laws.

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Regards,

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