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Brad Little
Governor

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Governor Brad Little
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Dear Governor Little,

Thank you for all you have done over the years to promote safe Idaho communities. The Idaho State Police is proud to support your efforts to protect Idahoans.

I appreciate your May 19, 2025, letter requesting information on the potential costs to the State of Idaho in helping U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE) address a national emergency by transporting criminal illegal immigrants out of our state under the ICE 287(g) program.

As your letter noted, following your Executive Order 2025-03, we worked with U.S. Department of Homeland Security and ICE to identify ways the State of Idaho can assist them in enforcing our nation's immigration laws. Often, when an illegal alien criminal is released from jail, ICE does not have the resources to collect the individual and transport them to an authorized detention facility for deportation. As a result, the illegal alien criminal is released back into the community, as you noted.

Under a 287(g) agreement with ICE, Idaho would utilize the Jail Enforcement Model which is designed to identify and process removable aliens arrested on criminal charges and held in the custody of state or local detention facilities. We propose ISP utilize the agreement to transport illegal alien criminals out of county jails to the ICE-authorized Jefferson County jail in Rigby. With pay and benefits, per diem, lodging, and vehicle costs, we estimate a cost of approximately \$1,500 per trooper per day for each transport. Each transport would require a minimum of two troopers, totaling approximately \$3,000 per transport. Carrying out 100 transports over 12 months would require up to \$300,000 in costs.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you to assist the Trump administration in keeping our citizens safe from bad actors here illegally.

Sincerely,

Colonel Bill Gardiner
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