



## Governor Brad Little

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Colonel Bill Gardiner  
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Dear Colonel Gardiner,

As you well know, Idahoans care deeply about the safety of our communities, and I appreciate your leadership as the men and women of the Idaho State Police (ISP) work day in and day out to keep our people safe.

An untold number of illegal immigrants poured into our country across an unchecked border for years under the Biden Administration, but with President Trump back in the White House we are seeing a solution to this public safety emergency as more and more dangerous criminals here illegally are being taken off our streets.

In recent months, I issued Executive Order 2025-03, the Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Act, and I signed House Bill 83 to increase the State of Idaho's coordination with the federal government in the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws. My executive order tasked the ISP with assisting our federal partners in supporting the Trump administration's efforts to remove criminal illegal immigrants from our communities. I appreciate you working quickly to coordinate with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE) following my executive order about what Idaho can do to help, and for sharing with me what the agencies told you – they need help with the transportation of illegal immigrants with criminal histories to ICE facilities from where they will be deported out of our country.

These criminals here illegally have committed crimes such as domestic violence, robbery, driving under the influence, and other dangerous activities that threaten Idaho families, but in counties across our state they are being released back into our communities after arrest. This is unacceptable. I want to further strengthen our state's partnership with President Donald Trump to help address the national emergency posed by years of reckless border policies under the previous administration.

I would like information from you on what it will cost the State of Idaho to assist ICE in transporting these criminal illegal immigrants out of our state under the ICE 287(g) program. It is urgent that we do all we can to get these criminals off our streets and keep Idaho families safe. Thank you for your assistance, Colonel. Idaho backs the blue!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho