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RE: Ending the Dakota County 287(g) Program

Dear Sheriff Kleinberg and Dakota County Board of Commissioners:

For over 50 years in Nebraska, the ACLU has worked in courts, legislatures, and communities to protect the constitutional and individual rights of all people. With a nationwide network of offices and millions of members and supporters, we take up the toughest civil liberties fights. Beyond one person, party, or side — we the people dare to create a more perfect union.

We are reaching out to you in light of this recent article published by the Medium [*The Biden Agenda for the Latino Community*](#) which talks about President Elect Joe Biden's plans to "take urgent action to...[e]nd the...use of 287(g) agreements" citing concern that "these types of actions undermine trust and cooperation between local law enforcement and the communities they are charged to protect."

Three years ago, Sheriff Kleinberg unilaterally decided to sign onto this misguided and troubling 287(g) program, the only one in the state of Nebraska. And for three years now, the Dakota County community, Dakota County Latin(x)

leaders, the Winnebago Tribe, dozens of local businesses, and thousands of Nebraskans have brought to the Sheriff and Board of Commissioners' attention their public safety, racial profiling, and taxpayer cost concerns—all to no avail.

Given the President Elect's immediate plans to end 287(g) agreements across the country, please provide your plans to 1) end this disconcerting and misguided federal immigration enforcement program and 2) rebuild trust with the Dakota county and surrounding Latinx and Native American communities.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or if we can help with any of these action items.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rose Godinez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rose Godinez
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