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David Grant
Clerk of the Legislature
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Re: **Attached Request for Information**

The Sheriff is in receipt of the attached request for information. In keeping with our agreed upon policy of forwarding request from caucuses through your office to the Legal Counsel's Office with responses directly through you, I am addressing the response to you to insure all interested parties will have access to the response. I would ask that our agreed upon method for such request be reviewed with the caucuses since many of the legislators have changed since its implementation more than seven years ago.

In response to the specific questions the responses appear in red below:

1. *Is your office following the New York State Attorney General's guidance for local law enforcement regarding immigration enforcement?*

MCSO is in compliance with all legal requirements referenced in the AG's 2025 updated Guidance document.

2. *Has your office ever held, or will it hold an individual based solely on an ICE detainer request without a warrant signed by a judge?*

MCSO has and will comply with New York State Law, the New York State and United States Constitutions relating to detention of any individual.

3. *Does your office proactively notify ICE of the presence of undocumented individuals in the Monroe County Jail or during encounters on the road?*



MCSO cooperates and collaborates with State and Federal partners in all enforcement activities that can impact the safety and security of our community.

4. *Does your office share information with ICE regarding undocumented individuals in the community or within your jurisdiction?*

See answer to #3 above.

5. *Has your office assisted, or will it assist ICE in holding individuals for civil immigration matters?*

See answer to #2 above.

6. *Will you commit to refusing to detain individuals in the Monroe County Jail who face no criminal charges but are subject to civil deportation actions by ICE?*

As law enforcement professionals we do not speculate on hypothetical scenarios. Our responsibility is to enforce the law as directed by applicable statutes, policies, and legal guidance. See answer to #2 above.

If there are any more questions or I can be of assistance, I remain at your service.

Sincerely,

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