



House Committee on Economic Development & Technology  
Honorable Greggor Ilagan, Chair  
Honorable Ikaika Hussey, Vice Chair

**RE: Testimony in Support of H.B. 1839, Relating to Immigration**  
Hearing: February 5, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben Creps. I am a staff attorney at the Public First Law Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes government transparency. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. 1839.

Public records are a critical mechanism for ensuring government accountability. Accountability in law enforcement is the backbone of public trust. It protects constitutional rights and improves officer safety and professionalism. And it helps communities understand whether law enforcement agencies are acting in accordance with community values and legal standards.

Additionally, the requirement to hold public forums fosters direct communication between agencies and the communities they serve, furthering the goals of a transparent and participatory government.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 1839.

