



Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs  
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Honorable Chris Lee, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Honorable Glenn Wakai, Chair  
Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

**RE: Testimony in Support of H.B. 1839 H.D. 2, Relating to Immigration**  
Hearing: March 23, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Dear Chairs and Members of the Committees:

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 H.D. 2.

H.B. 1839 H.D. 2 promotes government accountability by ensuring public access to the records needed to better understand the activity of federal law enforcement agencies in our community. 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 H.D. 2.

