

December 4, 2025

Commander Gregory Bovino
U.S. Border Patrol
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Commander Bovino:

As the United States Congressman representing Louisiana's Second Congressional District, I write in full support of the concerns raised by our Mayor-Elect of the City of New Orleans, the New Orleans City Council, and other local officials regarding Operation Catahoula Crunch.

New Orleans is a proud and resilient city. Our residents deserve safety, clarity, and respect in every interaction with law enforcement, whether local or federal. While the protection of our communities from violent and dangerous individuals must remain a shared priority, the early effects of this operation have created deep concern among our residents, business owners, and community leaders.

Businesses are closing their doors. Workers are afraid to travel. Families are unsure of whom to trust. The operation as currently conducted appears to be generating fear rather than security, particularly among the most vulnerable. This is not consistent with our goal of focused, strategic, and accountable public safety.

Thanks to targeted prevention strategies and the strong work of the New Orleans Police Department and its partners, our city has made meaningful progress in reducing violent crime. Federal engagement should strengthen that progress, not disrupt it. I stand ready to work alongside federal partners to identify initiatives that support both safety and civil rights.

To ensure that this operation is conducted lawfully, transparently, and with full respect for the people of New Orleans, I urge you to incorporate into your plan of action the recommendations of our local elected officials regarding transparency and public reporting, due process protections, identifiable federal agents, safeguards against discriminatory enforcement, and humanitarian protections. These measures are consistent with federal standards and reflect the values of our city and our nation.

New Orleans welcomes lawful and effective partnerships with federal agencies. What we cannot accept are operations that generate fear, undermine trust, or disregard constitutional protections. I respectfully request your prompt attention to these concerns and your commitment

to ensuring that Operation Catahoula Crunch proceeds in a manner worthy of the people of New Orleans.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and to continued cooperation that strengthens both safety and community trust.

Sincerely,

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

Troy A. Carter Sr.
Member of Congress