



Patrick Morrissey
Governor of West Virginia

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Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
500 12th St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear ERO Executive Associate Director Russell Hott,

West Virginia stands firmly behind President Donald Trump's historic efforts to combat the extraordinary threat posed by illegal immigration and drug and human trafficking. The federal government cannot face this crisis alone. As Governor, I am deeply committed to pursuing serious and meaningful cooperative programs between our state and the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Office. That is why I am writing to express West Virginia's intent to join the ICE 287(g) program under the Warrant Service Officer model of delegated authority. We will cooperate with all necessary steps to get this program up and running in our state as soon as possible. There is much work to be done. We are ready, willing, and determined to do all that we can to alleviate the illegal immigration and illicit drug emergency that has so deeply affected our state. We look forward to working alongside President Trump and ICE to strengthen our borders, safeguard our state, and preserve our national security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Morrissey".

Patrick Morrissey
Governor