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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

October 7, 2025

The Honorable Pam Bondi
Attorney General
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi,

For over a decade, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has been subject to an overbearing court-ordered monitor following a recommendation from the Department of Justice (DOJ) in 2013. With MCSO in nearly full compliance with the original court order, I ask that you move to finally resolve the case and end this prolonged federal overreach which has wasted millions of Maricopa County taxpayer dollars.

In 2013, a federal judge ruled against MCSO in a civil suit claiming the office racially profiled Latinos during traffic stops and similar operations. That October, a federal judge placed permanent injunctions on MCSO and began a series of judicial oversight actions against the department, later appointing Robert Warshaw as monitor over MCSO's compliance efforts. Since then, three different sheriffs have worked to implement the ordered reforms, resulting in MCSO being in nearly full compliance despite the constant emergence of new standards and added reporting requirements.

However, this regime of judicial overreach has cost taxpayers nearly \$350 million dollars since 2013 with no end in sight. Much of this cost includes administrative tasks required to show compliance with the court's standards, plus around \$34 million going directly to Warshaw's consulting firm. With Warshaw having previously engaged in prolonged and costly oversight of other law enforcement offices as well, Maricopa County officials anticipate that continued churning by the current special master will increase costs that will stretch its budget beyond capacity.

Furthermore, the added administrative burden and constant federal oversight resulting from Warshaw's work as monitor has resulted in deputies leaving MCSO for other law enforcement departments as well as potential recruits choosing alternative career paths. This decline in retention and recruitment has made it harder for MCSO to adequately serve and protect the public of Maricopa County.

MCSO has overwhelmingly complied with the original court order stemming from the initial suit. Because of this and the multiplicity of burdens Warsaw's continued monitoring of MCSO has placed on Maricopa County, I request that you move to resolve the case and end this more than decades-long overreach of the federal judiciary's oversight activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Biggs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andy" and the last name "Biggs" clearly distinguishable.

Andy Biggs
Member of Congress