

Dear Senator King,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my letter and for sharing your perspective on immigration reform. I appreciate your willingness to explain your position in detail. While I recognize that we both care very much about the future of our country, I respectfully wish to offer insight regarding several of your conclusions and would like to share my perspective.

- You state that comprehensive immigration reform is long overdue. I agree that reform is necessary. However, I believe meaningful reform must begin with fully securing our borders before expanding legal pathways or creating additional legalization programs.
- You support strong and smart border security through surveillance technology, Border Patrol agents, physical barriers, and improved enforcement. I support these measures as well, though I know in my heart of hearts, they should be substantially strengthened. Border security is more than an immigration issue; it is also a matter of national security, public safety, and the protection of our vulnerable American communities.
- It has become evident that political activists advocate for policies that leave American communities more vulnerable to crime, danger and foreign terrorism. I often imagine what both their vision and our country would look like if safety and security were their highest priorities alongside humanitarian concerns. If American humanity is not a priority, it is very difficult to take these activists seriously, especially where there is low accountability for the crimes and violence they themselves commit.
- You note that many individuals without legal status entered lawfully and later overstayed their visas. I agree that visa overstays require stronger enforcement through improved tracking, employment verification, and accountability. We are all subject to the law and should respect it; this is the duty of citizenship and the duty of everyone within the United States. I recognize that we have not consistently tracked crime data for immigrants and second-generation immigrants, and I feel that improving data collection and analysis should be a priority, especially amid foreign wars and domestic political unrest.
- You state that you do not support automatic amnesty. I appreciate your distinction. I remain concerned that creating new pathways to legal status before achieving operational border security may encourage additional unlawful immigration and further strain our already overwhelmed system.
- You support a pathway to citizenship for certain undocumented immigrants who meet specified requirements. I believe immigration policy should first prioritize American citizens, lawful immigrants, and those who have complied with existing immigration laws, especially amid drug wars, territorial cartel migration, human trafficking, fraud, and the growing issue of homeless encampments, which mirror World War II-era ghettos.
- You support DACA and the Dream Act. While I understand the humanitarian concerns involved, I believe Congress must carefully consider whether additional legalization programs create incentives for future unlawful migration and whether border security objectives have first been achieved. I am also concerned about some newer generations of immigrants who

have made territorial and racist claims against White Americans, referring to them as colonials, while asserting that parts of the United States are Mexico and that they want their land back, regardless of how this affects the American people who have worked to build and protect these communities for centuries.

- The United States currently has approximately 21,471 Border Patrol agents protecting thousands of miles of international border. These agents face extraordinary challenges, including transnational criminal organizations, human smuggling operations, drug trafficking organizations, and other serious threats to public safety. They deserve greater support and resources. Activist targeting and hatred directed toward these agents have pushed many beyond their natural stress limits. The effects of cultural change, including cultural dissonance, warrants further study, particularly regarding the mental well-being of veterans and communities. Particularly, White communities who are experiencing substantial loss at this time in history. I believe policymakers should carefully examine how terrorism, political violence, and prolonged public conflict may affect the psychological well-being of U.S. citizens. Activist conflicts have clearly contributed to significant and unnecessary stress within American communities.
- You describe immigration courts as overwhelmed. I agree they face significant challenges. I also believe many American communities are experiencing overwhelm through pressures on housing, schools, healthcare, infrastructure, law enforcement, and public services. These impacts deserve equal consideration.
- You argue that Maine requires additional population growth. I believe any discussion of demographic change should also consider the interests of long-established local communities and the preservation of their history, heritage, and culture.
- As someone with Acadian ancestry, I sincerely worry about preserving Acadian history and heritage in Maine. I hope future policies recognize that cultural preservation and lawful immigration are not mutually exclusive goals. I am concerned that the native Acadian population is relatively small and believe this heritage deserves greater recognition and preservation. I also note that, in places such as Boston, the undocumented immigrant population exceeds the size of the native Acadian population.
- You express concern regarding ICE officers wearing masks or plain clothing. I believe officer safety deserves substantial consideration. Federal officers may face retaliation, harassment, and threats from violent offenders and organized criminal organizations. We lose brave Americans every day. Public safety professionals die in the line of duty approximately every **1.9 days**.
- You support requiring immigration officers to identify themselves while protecting against doxing. I agree that accountability is important. However, I also believe any identification requirements should not unnecessarily increase risks to officers or their families. I see that we are facing multiple wars, not merely an immigration issue.

- Immigration policy should place greater emphasis on protecting American communities from violent crime, human trafficking, organized criminal networks, terrorism, and other threats to public safety. I believe vigorous enforcement of existing laws remains essential.
- My perspective was formed by many of my own experiences within the Democratic activism arena. I have experienced stalking, doxxing, political targeting, and intimidation. These experiences have reinforced my belief that public safety, secure borders, and national security deserve greater attention within immigration policy. There is no excuse for targeting Americans or members of the military. I believe such conduct places activists on the front lines of the other side of the war: There is no excuse for American abuse.
- You argue that legal immigration contributes to economic growth. While I recognize that legal immigration can provide economic benefits, I also believe policymakers should carefully evaluate the effects on housing, wages, education, healthcare, infrastructure, and local community resources. Maine's housing shortage has become very clear. The goal should be to strengthen Maine and American communities, but what strength do we have if we must constantly battle foreign coalitions and lose our right to protect ourselves and safeguard our communities from potential outside threats?
- I support lawful immigration conducted through orderly, secure, and transparent legal channels. I believe immigration reform should first establish effective enforcement, secure borders, reliable identity verification, and consistent application of immigration law before creating additional pathways to legal status. Lastly, I feel it is important to consider that current data may not fully reflect the size of the undocumented immigrant population, in part because some individuals may not respond to census inquiries. For example, in places like Las Vegas, the White population may be closer to 1%–8% or less in some areas. This is not assimilation or integration but rather nation building, and this reality has not been honestly communicated to the American people. I believe Americans deserve transparency regarding mass migration, political PAC building, taxpayer expenditures, and American suppression movements.

Thank you again for your thoughtful response and for your continued service to the people of Maine. I hope you will consider taking an in-depth look at immigration policy from the perspective of those who place their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe, rather than from the perspective of radical movements that, seek to build political power and influence within our country. I appreciate the opportunity to engage in respectful dialogue. I hope Congress continues working toward policies that protect public safety, uphold the rule of law, preserve America's diverse local communities and heritage, and strengthen our nation's long-term security.

Kindest regards,

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