



BROOME COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Frederick J. Akshar II

Undersheriff Sammy L. Davis

155 Lt. Van Winkle Drive, Binghamton, NY 13905

August 20, 2026

Buffalo Field Office Acting Director Philip Rhoney
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
250 Delaware Avenue, 7th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Notice of Termination – WSO Program Memorandum of Agreement

Dear Acting Director Rhoney:

This letter serves as formal notification that, by operation of law following the passage of New York's "Local Cops, Local Crimes Act of 2026," our 2025 MOA regarding the Warrant Service Officer program is terminated effective August 25, 2026.

Despite the prevailing political winds and statutory restrictions against our participation in federal immigration enforcement programs, the Broome County Sheriff's Office remains resolute in its unwavering commitment to public safety and protecting and serving the people of Broome County.

I, along with several fellow sheriffs across the state, strongly object to this unconstitutional statute and look forward to taking legal action in the coming days to challenge and ultimately overturn this egregious act of government overreach.

I'd respectfully ask that you confirm receipt of this letter at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "F. Akshar II", written in a cursive style.

FREDERICK J. AKSHAR II
Broome County Sheriff

cc: Deputy Field Operations Director Stephen J. Kurzdorfer

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