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Sheriff Kristin Graziano responds to letter from Rep. Nancy Mace and Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Below you will find a statement from Charleston County Sheriff Kristin Graziano in response to the most recent letter from Representative Nancy Mace and the state Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

"In today's Post and Courier, the commentary headline poses: whose side is Nancy Mace on? It is clearer than ever that she is on the side of chaos. This latest attempt of bullying and deflection does not deter me from our clear mission. We follow the law. And I will say it again: Nancy Mace is a liar. Just because she and her congressional colleagues cannot solve our country's federal immigration problem doesn't mean they get to make it mine. It does not make it the problem of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office or any other local law enforcement agency in the United States. Because Congress has failed to do its job, lawmakers like her think it's their job to force someone else to do their work. Not on my watch.

This is an abuse of power, and this is what the taxpayers of the United States are paying for. She is using her position to nationalize and influence a local election. I welcome her and her colleagues to send us a subpoena – to prove we are following the law and doing everything by the book. Bring it on. We are doing what hundreds of other detention centers across the country are choosing to do – to stay in our lane. What is Nancy Mace doing to compel the detention centers in her own district to participate in 287(g)?"

Additionally, here is a link to the CCSO policy and procedure on Intake and Processing.

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