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GOP Rep. Greene says new House committee on government efficiency will crack down on sanctuary cities

From CNN's Katharine Wilson

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene is pictured ahead of President Joe Biden's State of the Union address at the Capitol in Washington, DC, on March 7. Shawn Thew/Pool/AFP/Getty Images

GOP Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia says so-called sanctuary cities are at risk of losing government funding as Washington comes under unified Republican control.

Outlining her plans for a new House subcommittee on government efficiency, Greene threatened to cut funding for cities and states that limit or prohibit local government cooperation with immigration enforcement.

> "We're coming after their money, and they don't deserve it," she told Maria Bartiromo on Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures."

More background: Greene is set to lead the House Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency. It will work with the new Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) led by Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy in President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

"The federal government has been the worst abusers of Americans' hard-earned tax dollars and the American people's trust," Greene said Sunday.

The subcommittee will examine government programs and bring in federal agency leaders to explain why they deserve funding, the GOP lawmaker said.

Greene highlighted NPR, federal grant programs and the Pentagon as areas likely to be targeted by the new subcommittee.

Klobuchar calls for FBI background checks on Trump nominees

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Sen. Amy Klobuchar speaks during a news conference on September 19 in Washington, DC. Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images

Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a member of the chamber's Judiciary Committee, is pushing for background checks on President-elect Donald Trump's prospective Cabinet officials.

Trump has not yet filed the paperwork necessary for the FBI to conduct the checks, which are typical for Cabinet nominations.

"They've got to get their background checks together. They've got to get qualified nominees," Klobuchar said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Delaying background checks could delay the confirmation process, Klobuchar said.

> "I want to make a decision on each one of them on the merits, as I've done in the past, and I can't do that without the background checks," Klobuchar said.

On Trump's picks: The senator slammed Trump's initial attorney general pick, Matt Gaetz, who dropped out after facing long odds for confirmation and scrutiny over allegations of sexual misconduct. Klobuchar called that original selection to lead the Justice Department "absurd," but said she will "hear out" Trump's other choices for top roles.

Klobuchar, who voted for half of Trump's first administration nominees, did not say if she would confirm Trump's pick for attorney general, Pam Bondi.

She also questioned the vaccine positions of Trump's pick for Health and Human Services, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and past comments about women in the military by his choice to lead the Defense Department, Pete Hegseth.

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California lawmakers prepare to resist Trump's mass deportation plans

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The border wall separating Mexico and the United States is seen in Imperial County, California in 2022.   Allison Dinner/AFP/Getty Images

The California State Legislature is hosting a special session this week that lawmakers say will help safeguard the state against President-elect Donald Trump's return to the White House.

The incoming Trump administration's plans to implement strict border measures, strike down Biden-era policies, and kick off the detention and deportation of migrants at large scale are underway — and one of the biggest concerns for Democrats in the Golden State.

While other states are willing to assist in enforcing federal immigration law, Democratic Sen. Alex Padilla said California leaders believe they are under no obligation to do so.

> "We're not going to utilize state and local resources to do the federal government's job for them," Padilla said on CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday.

Indiscriminate deportation of undocumented immigrants would tear communities apart and cause tremendous damage to the economy, Padilla said. And using state or local law enforcement for immigration duties could harm public safety, the senator said, because immigrants who are witnesses to crimes may be afraid to come forward.

However, Padilla said Democrats and Republicans would agree to a focus on deporting violent criminal, which some Trump allies have emphasized as the first step in his plan.

"It doesn't have to be a conflict unless that's what Trump wants," Padilla said.