

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 4, 2026

Donald Trump
The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President,

We write to condemn the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) escalating abuse of power through Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) immigration enforcement operations that have resulted in civilian deaths, constitutional violations, and obstruction of justice.

The deployment of thousands of federal agents to Minnesota as part of "Operation Metro Surge" represents the largest immigration enforcement operation in recent history and has already led to tragic outcomes that cannot be ignored. Federal immigration agents have been implicated in multiple fatal shootings, including the deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, both U.S. citizens who were killed by federal agents during immigration enforcement operations in Minneapolis. Bystander video evidence and eyewitness accounts outright contradict official narratives regarding these killings and underscore the urgent need for independent inquiry and reform.¹

Under your administration, ICE has been responsible for 43 deaths to date, at least five of which were murders, including one by an off-duty agent. In addition to loss of life, the surge has produced widespread community fear, large-scale protests in cities nationwide, and reports of aggressive enforcement tactics that have alarmed civil rights organizations and local officials alike. Thousands took to the streets in subzero temperatures to protest federal immigration enforcement tactics, while state and local governments have filed lawsuits alleging unconstitutional conduct by DHS officials.²

The most alarming example of obstruction and lack of accountability occurred when DHS officials attempted to block state and local law enforcement from accessing evidence in the fatal shooting of Alex Pretti, even after a judicial warrant was obtained, forcing a federal judge to intervene and order preservation of critical evidence to protect the integrity of the investigation.³

Blocking lawful state and local investigators from accessing evidence in a fatal shooting reeks of abuse of power and corruption. No federal agency is above the law, especially in cases involving the killing of civilians.

¹ CNN. "Videos Show Several Federal Officers Wrestling Pretti to the Ground as at Least 10 Rounds Are Fired." *CNN*, 25 Jan. 2026, www.cnn.com/2026/01/25/us/alex-pretti-shooting-minneapolis-videos-witnesses-invs. Accessed 26 Jan 2026..

² *Thousands of Minnesotans Protest ICE in Subzero Temperatures*. *Wall Street Journal*, 24 Jan. 2026, www.wsj.com/articles/clergy-members-are-arrested-in-minnesota-amid-anti-ice-protests-cce52a25. Accessed 26 Jan. 2026.

³ *Minneapolis Shooting: DHS Must Preserve Evidence in Alex Pretti Death, Judge Rules*. *FOX 9 Minneapolis-St. Paul*, www.fox9.com/news/minneapolis-shooting-evidence-alex-pretti. Accessed 26 Jan. 2026.

This conduct is not isolated. ICE and CBP immigration enforcement operations have increasingly relied on militarized tactics that endanger civilians, undermine civil liberties, and erode public trust. Large-scale federal surges, warrantless encounters, and retaliatory enforcement actions against jurisdictions based on political disagreement violate constitutional norms and threaten public safety. The State of Minnesota and the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul have filed federal lawsuits asserting that these actions violate the First Amendment, the Tenth Amendment, and the Administrative Procedure Act.⁴

For these reasons, we call for the following immediate actions:

1. Fire DHS Secretary Kristi Noem.
2. An immediate suspension of ICE and CBP immigration enforcement operations in Minnesota.
3. Suspend abusive ICE and CBP practices nationwide and a full independent investigation into all recent use-of-force incidents.
4. A comprehensive investigation by the DHS Office of Inspector General into ICE and CBP conduct, including use of force, evidence handling, and interference with state and local criminal investigations.
5. Mandatory and timely cooperation with state and local law enforcement in all cases involving injury or death caused by federal agents, including full preservation and disclosure of evidence.
6. Clear, enforceable limits on ICE and CBP operations to prohibit warrantless home entries, indiscriminate street encounters, and enforcement actions lacking probable cause.


Federal law enforcement exists to protect the public and uphold the Constitution. When enforcement practices result in loss of life, fear, and obstruction of justice, leadership must be held accountable.

We urge you to act immediately to halt these dangerous practices, restore the rule of law, and ensure that no federal agency or official operates beyond accountability. We request a written response within fourteen (14) days outlining the steps your Administration will take.

Sincerely,



Adriano Espaillat
Chair
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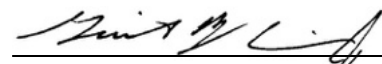
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⁴ City of Minneapolis. *Attorney General Files Lawsuit Against DHS Over ICE Operations*. City of Minneapolis, Jan. 2026, www.minneapolismn.gov/news/2026/january/ag-lawsuit. Accessed 26 Jan. 2026.

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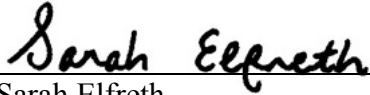
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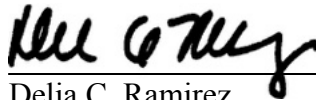

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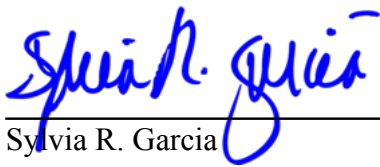
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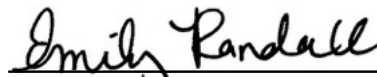
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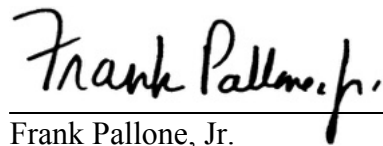
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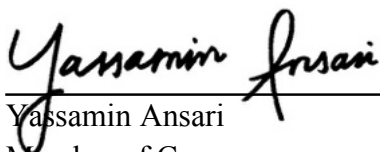
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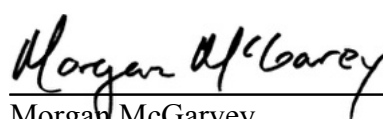
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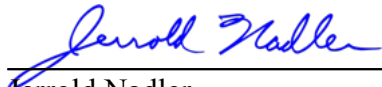
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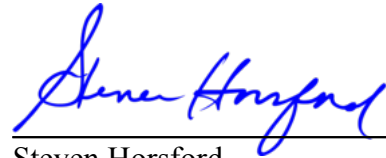
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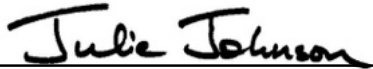
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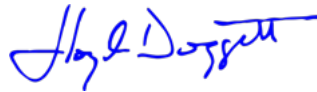
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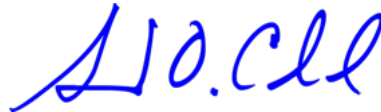
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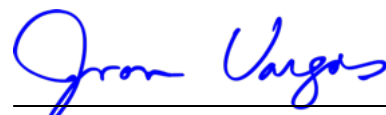
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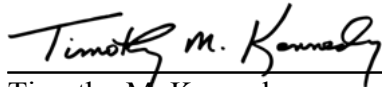
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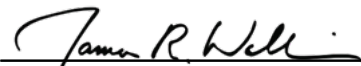
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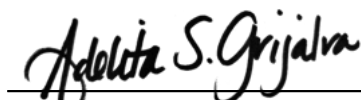
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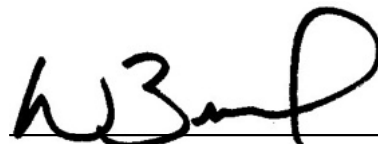
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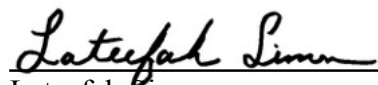
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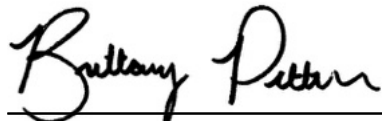
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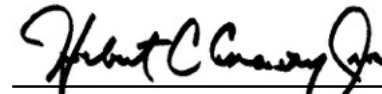
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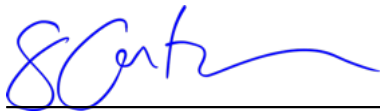
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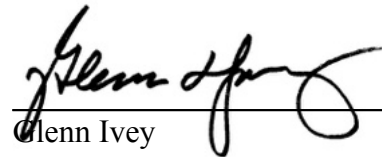
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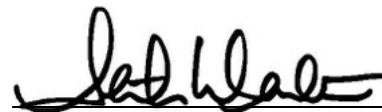
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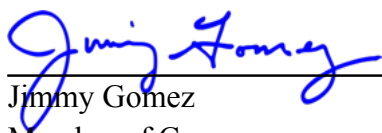
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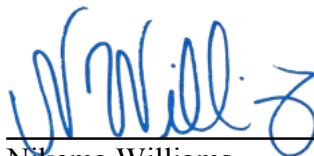
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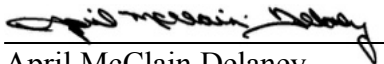
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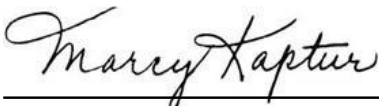
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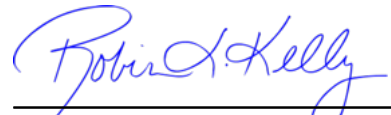
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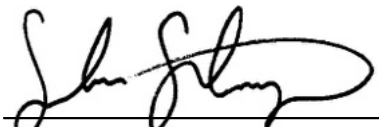
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