

January 9, 2026

Dear Members of Congress,

Masked federal agents are unleashing violence and chaos in our cities and neighborhoods. Agents shot and killed 37-year-old Renee Nicole Good, a mother, wife and widow of a military veteran, on January 7 in Minneapolis, MN. Just a day later, agents shot two people in Portland, OR.

We, the undersigned civil rights and human rights organizations, call on you to say enough is enough. Congress must rein in the violence and lawlessness endangering our communities. Specifically, we ask that you refuse to increase funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol, and that you demand that any appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security restrains and requires accountability from immigration enforcement agencies.

Last year, Congress gave the Department of Homeland Security a windfall of \$170 billion dollars to supersize its deportation force and detention network. Congressional funding enabled DHS to become what it is today: a dangerous agency operating with impunity. Masked federal agents, equipped for war, are dragging people from their cars, zip-tying children, firing tear gas at high schoolers, and pointing guns at peaceful observers and protestors. They are setting up checkpoints in our cities and detaining people based on the color of their skin, their language or accent, or where they happen to be. By design, these actions terrorize and wreak havoc. They tear at the seams of our families, our communities, and our safety. They poison our democracy and our way of life. This is not the America we deserve, nor the one our laws or Constitution allow.

Congress should use its Article I power to limit these out-of-control agencies and require that they serve the public, not terrorize communities with impunity. Accordingly, we call on you to, at a minimum:

1. Refuse to vote for any FY2026 appropriations bill that includes increased funding for ICE or Border Patrol, including funds for detention. The existing system allowed 32 people to die in custody in 2025, the deadliest year ever, while thousands of others suffer physical and sexual abuse, medical neglect, and degrading conditions.
2. Refuse to vote for any appropriations bill for DHS beyond January 30 unless it:
  - a. Strengthens restrictions on ICE and Border Patrol's ability to conduct dragnet arrest operations and target people based on their race, language or accent, place of employment, or location at the time of the apprehension;
  - b. Ends border patrol deployment to our cities and rejects its ever-expanding mandate in immigration enforcement; and
  - c. Limits DHS's reprogramming and transfer authority, including specifically preventing reprogramming and transferring funds for detention.

These are the bare minimum reforms needed to start protecting our communities from the escalating and violent operations. We urge you to act decisively and show DHS and the communities you serve that the cruelty and lawlessness we have seen is unacceptable, and it ends now.

Sincerely,

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
Indivisible  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
United We Dream Network

**National Organizations**

A Legacy of Equality Leadership and Organizing (LELO)  
Acacia Center for Justice  
Afghans For A Better Tomorrow  
African Human Rights Coalition  
Alianza Americas  
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas  
All\* Above All  
American Atheists  
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)  
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)  
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)  
Americans for Immigrant Justice  
Amica Center for Immigrant Rights  
Amnesty International USA  
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)  
Asian Counseling and Referral Service  
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center  
ASISTA Immigration Assistance  
Autistic People of Color Fund  
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network  
Ayuda  
Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
CASA  
Center for Common Ground  
Center for Constitutional Rights  
Center for Criminal Justice Reform, University of Baltimore School of Law  
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies  
Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law  
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
Center for Victims of Torture  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers  
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)

Child Welfare League of America  
Children's Defense Fund  
Children's HealthWatch  
Church World Service  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Coalition on Human Needs  
COLAGE  
Color Of Change  
Community Change Action  
Court Accountability Action  
Defending Rights & Dissent  
DemCast USA  
Detention Watch Network  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund  
Dream.Org  
Drug Policy Alliance  
Economic Policy Institute  
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)  
Equal Rights Advocates  
Esperanza United  
Fair Fight Action  
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)  
Family Centered Treatment Foundation  
Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project  
For All  
Foster Care Alumni of America  
Foster Care Training Today  
Free Speech For People  
GLSEN  
Grassroots Leadership  
Haitian Bridge Alliance  
Hispanic Federation  
Human Rights First  
Immigrant ARC  
Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)  
Immigrant Defense Project  
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project  
Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
Immigrants Rising  
Immigration Law & Justice Network  
International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)  
Jewish Activists for Immigration Justice  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
Jewish Family & Child Service

Jobs to Move America  
Just Detention International  
Just Solutions  
Justice at Work  
Justice in Motion  
Labor South  
Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
Latin American Working Group  
Latino Policy Forum  
Lawyers for Good Government  
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Legal Action Center  
Legal Aid at Work  
Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense & Education Fund  
Local Progress  
Make the Road States  
MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund)  
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.  
Mi Familia Vota  
Mil Mujeres Legal Services  
MomsRising  
MoveOn  
MPower Change Action Fund  
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)  
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Center for Law and Economic Justice  
National Center for LGBTQ Rights  
National Center for Youth Law  
National Center on Adoption and Permanency  
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans  
National Council of Negro Women  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Health Law Program  
National Immigration Project  
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC)  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice  
National LGBTQ+ Bar Association  
National Network To End Domestic Violence

National Organization for Women  
National Partnership for New Americans  
National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
National Respite Coalition  
National Women's Law Center  
National Women's Political Caucus  
Native Organizers Alliance  
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies  
People For the American Way  
People Power United  
People's Action Institute  
PFLAG National  
Physicians for Reproductive Health  
Planned Parenthood Action Fund  
Popular Democracy in Action  
Positive Women's Network-USA  
Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness  
Prison Policy Initiative  
Project On Government Oversight  
Protect Democracy  
Public Citizen  
Public Counsel  
Refugee Advocacy Lab  
Refugees International  
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism  
Reproductive Freedom for All  
Robert & Ethel Kennedy Human Rights Center  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Sanctuary Now Abolition Project  
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)  
Sikh Coalition  
Stand Up America  
Tahirih Justice Center  
The Cancer Network  
The Diversity Center  
The Human Rights Alliance  
The Person Center  
The Sentencing Project  
The Source LGBT+ Center  
The Workers Circle  
UltraViolet Action  
UnidosUS  
United for a Fair Economy

United for a New Economy  
Vera Institute of Justice  
Vets Forward  
Voices for Progress  
Voto Latino  
Washington Office on Latin America  
Win Without War  
Witness at the Border  
Women Thinking Out Loud  
Women's Equity Center and Action Network  
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights  
Youth Pride Association

### **Regional, State and Local Organizations**

#### **Alabama**

Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice

#### **Arizona**

50501 Arizona  
Frontera de Cristo  
Keep Flagstaff Together, a project of Catch Fire Movement  
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#### **Alaska**

SEIU 775

#### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Arkansas Community Organizations

#### **California**

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)  
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)  
California Immigration Project  
California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network  
South Asian Network  
Tri-County Diversity  
USC Gould School of Law Immigration Clinic  
ValorUS  
WE RISE SF  
California Immigrant Policy Center  
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of California  
California Work & Family Coalition  
Black Californians United for Early Care and Education  
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of Northern California SF  
California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) Foundation  
California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice  
Equality California

Alliance San Diego  
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area  
Mission Action  
MoPride  
Oasis Legal Services  
Border Kindness  
Our Family Coalition  
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indigena Oaxaqueño (CBDIO)  
Garment Worker Center  
Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley  
Black Women for Wellness Action Project  
KIWA  
Centro Legal de la Raza  
NorCal Resist  
LGBTQ Center OC  
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (SDIRC)

**Colorado**

Rocky Mountain Equality  
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network  
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)  
Towards Justice  
Our Center

**Connecticut**

New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc.  
Triangle Community Center  
Make the Road CT  
Jewish Family Services of Greenwich  
Connecticut Citizen Action Group  
Connecticut Voices for Children  
SEIU 32BJ

**Delaware**

Jewish Family Services of Delaware, Inc.  
SEIU 32BJ

**District of Columbia**

Just Neighbors  
Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA)  
SEIU 32BJ

**Florida**

PRISM Florida  
Farmworker Association of Florida  
Florida Rising  
Jewish Family & Children Service of the Suncoast  
Compass LGBTQ Community Center  
SEIU 32BJ

**Georgia**

Latino Community Fund Georgia

**Hawaii**

LGBTQ+ Commission, State of Hawaii

General Strike Hawaii

Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights

Hawai'i J20+

Hawai'i Workers Center

Hawaii Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Indivisible Hawai'i Statewide Network

The Legal Clinic - Hawai'i

North Hawai'i Action Network - A Chapter of the Indivisible Hawai'i Statewide Network

50501 Hawai'i

**Illinois**

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Illinois Accountability Initiative

Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Spanish Community Center

Uniting Pride

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Champaign-Urbana

Just Voices

Naper Pride

Family Focus

Indivisible Chicago

La Casa Norte

Arise Chicago

**Indiana**

Spencer Pride, Inc.

Pride Center of Terre Haute Inc.

**Iowa**

League of United Latin American Citizens

Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity

Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)

Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice

**Kansas**

Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth's Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation

El Centro

KS50501

**Kentucky**

Jewish Family and Career Services – Louisville

**Louisiana**

ALAS

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans  
Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention  
Southeast Dignity Not Detention Coalition  
Workplace Justice Project  
Youth Oasis

**Maryland**

Maryland Center on Economic Policy  
Communities United Maryland  
Veterans For Peace Baltimore, MD Phil Berrigan Memorial Chapter  
Just Neighbors  
Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA)  
SEIU 32BJ

**Massachusetts**

Brazilian Women's Group  
Notre Dame Education Center-Lawrence  
North Shore Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth (NAGLY)  
Fenway Health  
Greater Boston Legal Services  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
MassCOSH  
Legal Key Partnership for Health and Justice  
SEIU 32BJ

**Michigan**

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC)  
OutFront Kalamazoo  
SEIU 32BJ

**Minnesota**

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota  
The New Justice Project Minnesota Collaborative  
The Advocates for Human Rights  
UFCW 1189  
UFCW Local 663

**Mississippi**

Mississippi Center for Justice

**Montana**

SEIU 775

**Nebraska**

Refugee Women Rising  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Nebraska Commission on Latino Americans  
Mothers and Others: Justice and Mercy for Immigrants  
Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim: Reinforcing our Roots, Living our Maya Heritage

**Nevada**

Make the Road Nevada  
Nevada Immigrant Coalition  
National Organization for Women Nevada Chapter  
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada  
Return Strong!  
Battle Born Progress

**New Hampshire**

New Hampshire Youth Movement  
Rights & Democracy

**New Jersey**

The Workplace Justice Lab  
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center  
The Pride Center of New Jersey  
Make the Road New Jersey  
Plainfields Area Indivisible  
Jewish Family Service of MetroWest NJ  
SEIU 32BJ

**New York**

Indivisible Harlem  
Churches United For Fair Housing  
GLYS Western NY  
The Pride Center of Western NY  
Queer Family Network  
Rockland County Pride Center  
SOMOS  
Worker Justice Center of New York  
Community Service Society of New York  
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)  
The New York Immigration Coalition  
Citizen Action of New York  
National Lawyers Guild, New York City Chapter  
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**North Carolina**

Carolina Jews For Justice  
Charlotte Trans Health  
Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte  
North Carolina Justice Center  
LGBT Center of Raleigh  
LGBTQ Center of the Cape Fear Coast  
SEIU 32BJ

**Ohio**

Miami Valley Immigration Coalition  
Cleveland Jobs with Justice  
Our Helpers  
Youngstown Area Interreligious Prayer Group

Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
Ohio Immigrant Alliance  
Ohioans Against Extremism

**Oklahoma**

Terence Crutcher Foundation

**Oregon**

COIN - Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network  
Western States Center  
Asylum Seeker Solidarity Collective (ASSC)  
Portland Immigrants Rights Coalition  
Oregon for All  
Oregon School-Based Health Alliance  
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)  
CLEAR Clinic  
Northwest Workers' Justice Project

**Pennsylvania**

Eastern PA Trans Equity Project  
The Welcome Project PA  
215 People's Alliance  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Pittsburgh  
Therapy Center of Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania Immigration Coalition  
Asian Americans United  
The LGBT Center of Greater Reading  
Make the Road Pennsylvania  
SEIU 32BJ

**Rhode Island**

VECINA  
Legal Key Partnership for Health and Justice  
SEIU 32BJ

**Tennessee**

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition  
La Paz Chattanooga  
Adelante  
AKIN  
OUTMemphis

**Texas**

Free Battered Texas Women  
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry  
Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Bend  
Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project (GHIRP)  
Angry Tias and Abuelas  
Children's Defense Fund - Texas  
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin  
American Gateways

Border Workers United  
Borderland Rainbow Center  
ASHwell  
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative  
Estrella del Paso  
Red River Unitarian-Universalist Church  
Resource Center  
Social Justice Committee of First Unitarian Universalist Church San Antonio  
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry (TXUUJM)  
Workers Defense Action Fund  
Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church  
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church

**Vermont**

Rainbow Bridge Community Center  
50501 Vermont  
Rights & Democracy  
Outright Vermont

**Virginia**

Diversity Richmond  
Just Neighbors  
Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA)  
SEIU 32BJ

**Washington**

Standing for Democracy  
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Church Council of Greater Seattle  
Beyond Survival  
American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Washington  
CAIR Washington  
OneAmerica  
Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA)  
Columbia Legal Services  
Legal Immigration Services of Olympia – LISO  
Progreso: Latino Progress  
SEIU 775

**Wisconsin**

Community Immigration Law Center (CILC)  
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center  
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Voces de la Frontera