

January 14, 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 Communities Together (ACT)
African Human Rights Coalition
Agroecology Research-Action Collective
Alianza Americas
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
All* Above All
American Atheists
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
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 Law Caucus
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: A Jewish Partnership for Justice
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
CASA
Catholics Vote Common Good
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
Community for Children
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
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
Free Speech For People
Freedom for Immigrants (FFI)
Freedom Network USA
Friends Committee on National Legislation
GLSEN
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees
Grassroots Leadership
Haitian Bridge Alliance
HIAS
Hispanic Federation
Human Rights First

Immigrant ARC
Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)
Immigrant Defense Project
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Immigrants Rising
Immigration Equality
Immigration Equality Action Fund
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 Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
Labor South
Latin America Working Group
Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund
Latino Policy Forum
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Lawyers for Good Government
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
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
Missionary Society of St. Columban, U.S Region (Columban Fathers)
Mobile Pathways
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 Jewish Women
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 Hispanic Media Coalition
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 Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
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
Poder Latinx
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
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator

Public Citizen
Public Counsel
Quixote Center
Reconstructing Judaism
Refugee Advocacy Lab
Refugee Congress
Refugees International
Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
Reproductive Freedom for All
Robert & Ethel Kennedy Human Rights Center
Rural Coalition
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)
Sikh Coalition
Sojourners
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Southern Border Communities Coalition
Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)
Stand Up America
Stop AAPI Hate
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
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
UndocuBlack Network
UnidosUS
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
United Farm Workers (UFW)
United Farm Workers (UFW) Foundation
United for a Fair Economy
Uri L'Tzedek
ValorUS
VECINA
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
Kino Border Initiative
one-n-ten

Alaska

SEIU 775

Arkansas

Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Arkansas Community Organizations

California

AAPI Equity Alliance
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment
Alliance San Diego
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)
Black Californians United for Early Care and Education
Black Women for Wellness Action Project
Border Kindness
California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice
California Immigrant Policy Center
California Immigration Project
California LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network
South Asian Network
Tri-County Diversity
USC Gould School of Law Immigration Clinic
WE RISE SF
California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) Foundation
California Work & Family Coalition
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of California
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of Northern California SF
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño (CBDIO)
Centro Legal de la Raza
Chinese for Affirmative Action
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant

Equality California
Garment Worker Center
Ground Game LA
Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional Health (H.O.M.E.)
Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley
Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA)
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area
LGBTQ Center OC
Mission Action
MoPride
NorCal Resist
Oasis Legal Services
Our Family Coalition
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (SDIRC)
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)
The San Diego LGBT Community Center

Colorado

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)
Our Center
Rocky Mountain Equality
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
Towards Justice
United for a New Economy

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

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

Georgia

Latino Community Fund Georgia
Sur Legal Collaborative

Hawaii

50501 Hawai'i
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
LGBTQ+ Commission, State of Hawaii
North Hawai'i Action Network - A Chapter of the Indivisible Hawai'i Statewide Network
The Legal Clinic - Hawai'i

Idaho

United Vision for Idaho

Illinois

Arise Chicago
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Champaign-Urbana
Chicago Alliance for Collaborative Effort (CACE)
Family Focus
Family Focus Cicero
Heartland Human Care Services, Inc.
Illinois Accountability Initiative
Illinois Association of Free & Charitable Clinics
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Partners for Human Service
Indivisible Chicago
Just Voices
La Casa Norte
Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church
Metropolitan Family Services
Mobile Migrant Health Team Chicago
Naper Pride
Sanctuary Working Group
Spanish Community Center
Uniting Pride
United African Organization (UAO)

Indiana

Foster Care Training Today
Pride Center of Terre Haute, Inc.
Spencer Pride, Inc.

Iowa

Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC)
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice
League of United Latin American Citizens
Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity

Kansas

El Centro
Kansas 50501
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth's Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation

Kentucky

Jewish Family and Career Services – Louisville
Voices of Community Activist and Leaders-Kentucky (VOCAL-KY)

Louisiana

ALAS
Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans
Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention
Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault
Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI)
Sanctuary Now Abolition Project
Southeast Dignity Not Detention Coalition
Workplace Justice Project
Youth Oasis

Maine

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Maine People's Alliance

Maryland

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

Massachusetts

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

SEIU 32BJ

Michigan

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

Minnesota

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
Jewish Community Action
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Queermunity Collaborative
The New Justice Project Minnesota
The Advocates for Human Rights
UFCW 1189
UFCW Local 663
Violence Free Minnesota

Mississippi

Mississippi Center for Justice

Montana

Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)
SEIU 775

Nebraska

African Immigrant Family Services
Asian Community and Cultural Center
Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim: Reinforcing our Roots, Living our Maya Heritage
Mothers and Others: Justice and Mercy for Immigrants
Nebraska Appleseed
Nebraska Commission on Latino Americans
Omaha Together One Community
Refugee Women Rising

Nevada

Battle Born Progress
Make the Road Nevada
National Organization for Women Nevada Chapter
Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Nevada Immigrant Coalition
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Return Strong!

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Youth Movement
Rights & Democracy

New Jersey

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest NJ
Make the Road New Jersey

New Jersey Citizen Action
New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Plainfields Area Indivisible
SEIU 32BJ
The Pride Center of New Jersey
The Workplace Justice Lab
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center

New Mexico

Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional Health (H.O.M.E.)
New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
Somos Un Pueblo Unido
The Human Rights Alliance

New York

Churches United For Fair Housing
Citizen Action of New York
Community Service Society of New York
GLYS Western NY
Indivisible Harlem
IndivisibleWeStand UWS
Levine Center To End Hate
National Lawyers Guild, New York City Chapter
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
Queer Family Network
Rockland County Pride Center
SOMOS
Worker Justice Center of New York
SEIU 32BJ
The New York Immigration Coalition
The NYC LGBT Community Center
The Pride Center of Western NY
Voices of Community Activist and Leaders-New York (VOCAL-NY)

North Carolina

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

Ohio

50501 Ohio
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
Foster Care Training Today
Miami Valley Immigration Coalition
Miami Valley Immigration Coalition
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence
Ohio Immigrant Alliance

Ohioans Against Extremism
Our Helpers
Youngstown Area Interreligious Prayer Group

Oklahoma
Terence Crutcher Foundation

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

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

Rhode Island
Legal Key Partnership for Health and Justice
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
SEIU 32BJ

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

Texas
American Gateways
Angry Tias and Abuelas
ASHwell
Border Workers United
Borderland Rainbow Center
Children's Defense Fund - Texas

Del Camino Jesuit Border Ministries
Estrella del Paso
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin
Free Battered Texas Women
Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project (GHIRP)
Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church
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
Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry
Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Bend
Voices of Community Activist and Leaders-Texas (VOCAL-TX)

Vermont

50501 Vermont
Rights & Democracy
Outright Vermont
Rainbow Bridge Community Center

Virginia

Diversity Richmond
Just Neighbors
Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA)
SEIU 32BJ
Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

Washington

American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Washington
Asian Counseling and Referral Service
Beyond Survival
CAIR Washington
Church Council of Greater Seattle
Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence
Columbia Legal Services
El Centro de la Raza
Faith Action Network (FAN)
Legal Counsel for Youth and Children
Legal Immigration Services of Olympia (LISO)
Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA)
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
OneAmerica
Progreso: Latino Progress
SEIU 775
Skagit Legal Aid
Standing for Democracy
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
WA Partners for Social Change

West Virginia

Lil Hearth House

West Virginia Citizen Action (WVCAG)

Wisconsin

Community Immigration Law Center (CILC)

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

Voces de la Frontera

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault