

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
one-n-ten

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
SEIU 32BJ

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 (TXUUMJ)
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