

Monday, July 20, 2026

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322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader
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Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Abolish ICE to Restore Public Safety

We are state and local elected officials who represent diverse constituencies throughout New York State, and have witnessed the impact that Immigration and Customs Enforcement's cruel operations have had on immigrant families and our communities.

The recent killings of two innocent immigrant fathers, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo and Joan Sebastian Guerrero—following the killings of Silverio Villegas González, Nurul Amin Shah Alam, Renée Good, Alex Pretti, and many others by immigration enforcement—show ICE has no regard for public safety, due process, or human decency. Since Trump's second term began, over fifty people have died in ICE custody, and ICE agents have repeatedly fired their weapons and killed people in their vehicles. ICE has continued to detain and deport thousands of New Yorkers who have contributed to our neighborhoods for decades—separating parents from their children and shipping off high school students. This is an unsustainable degree of impunity, cruelty, and recklessness that cannot be reformed.

While Trump has escalated ICE's operations, this did not begin with him. Past administrations have been complicit in ICE's growing abuse of power, and the agency's cruelty will continue regardless of who sits in the White House. We applaud recent efforts by congressional Democrats to block funding to Trump's ICE and Border Patrol, but we must go further. We can no longer ignore the threat that ICE, which has only existed since 2002, poses to our communities and to our democracy.

For the safety of our constituents and to restore public trust and the rule of law, we call on you and all congressional Democrats to publicly support the abolition of ICE and to leverage your positions to defund and dismantle this rogue federal agency.

Sincerely,

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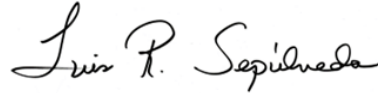
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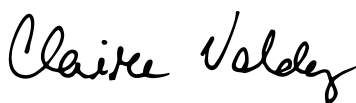
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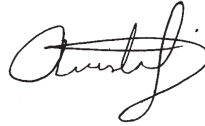
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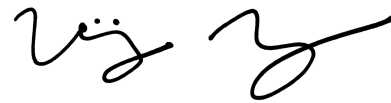
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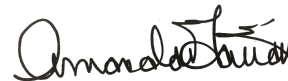
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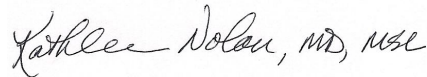
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