

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 17, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
Department of Homeland Security
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Secretary Noem,

We write to express deep concern with the tactics and lack of transparency demonstrated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents during recent enforcement operations in Oceanside, California.

On June 10, 2025, ICE agents were recorded in Oceanside pulling over and detaining a father from his vehicle after he had dropped off his seven-year-old son at a local elementary school. According to public reporting, the agents were in unmarked vehicles, did not present a warrant, and did not clearly identify themselves. This father is the sole bread winner of his household.¹

On June 18, 2025, a mother and a father who have lived in the United States for fifteen years were detained and taken from their home in Oceanside using militarized tactics that are deeply unsettling. These tactics included shattering home windows, using flash grenades, and handcuffing their two teenage children – ages fourteen and seventeen – who are U.S. citizens. Public reporting also stated that during the operation, the mother was dragged out of her home by her hair and following her detainment was not provided with timely medical care for her anxiety and chronic hip pain.²

While we strongly support a secure border, the broadness of these operations and the militarized tactics involved create a ripple effect of fear in communities that disrupt the quality of life of all. Our local communities should not have to live in fear of being woken up by the sound of shattering windows and masked armed agents with flash grenades, nor should they be afraid of being picked up off the street after bringing their children to school. U.S. citizens are also being directly impacted by these broad operations. Everyone is entitled to due process under the law and law enforcement should always begin from a place of dignity and respect.

These operations, paired with the lack of transparency and information sharing by your agency, underscore that this Administration is aiming to circumvent accountability and oversight. We have demanded a briefing from ICE and have requested to see the warrants associated with these incidents, but ICE declined to provide us any specific information. This has caused Members of Congress to rely on public reporting on the agency's operations. There is no acceptable excuse when livelihoods are on the line and due process is being disregarded.

¹ Voice of San Diego, <https://voiceofsandiego.org/2025/06/11/the-learning-curve-ice-arrest-in-oceanside-highlights-impact-of-immigration-crackdown/>

² KPBS, <https://www.kpbs.org/news/racial-justice-social-equity/2025/06/27/oceanside-neighborhood-on-high-alert-after-family-detained-by-armed-ice-agents>

As Members of Congress representing districts with vibrant and dynamic immigrant communities, we deserve answers to the ways in which these operations were carried out, as do our constituents. Therefore, we request answers to the following questions:

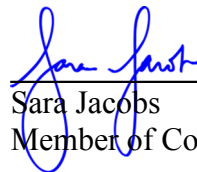
- When can we expect ICE to coordinate and schedule a briefing to detail ICE activity in our respective districts? This briefing should address the following:
 - How many individuals in our districts have been detained without judicial warrants and what are their nationalities?
 - Where are these detainees being deported to? Have they all been deported to their country of origin?
 - How many of the detained and/or deported individuals did not have a violent criminal record?
 - Are detainees notified of their right to a privacy release form so that they may access congressional casework services?
 - What is the timeline for detained individuals to access a phone to inform their family of their location?
- How and when do ICE agents decide to identify themselves during an investigation?
 - What, if anything, do ICE agents do when minors are present during an operation or if their parents are taken?
- How many operations have occurred at or near sensitive locations, such as schools, hospitals, and churches?

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We require an urgent reply on these issues that are a priority for our constituents. If you have any further questions, please contact Eileen Lee at Eileen.Lee@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



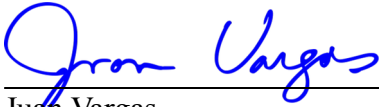
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