

Testimony in support of H7077: Resolution Condemning ICE

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To Chair McEntee and the honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

ICE has been aggressively funded and expanded into an unnecessarily large force that acts like Hitler's Gestapo: large numbers of innocent, tax paying immigrants who are members of our communities in Rhode Island and the Nation are being arrested and deported without due process and disappear under inhuman conditions in concentration camps (deceptively named "detention centers"), under torture-conditions in overcrowded cages, with no access to basic human needs, medications, medical support or access to lawyers or their families

Families are being separated, and even toddlers have been detained. People have been killed by ICE, in the streets, and through neglect in the ICE camps.

ICE agents are wearing masks and have no identification, so they evade accountability. They don't read the rights, they don't have court warrants, they force their way into homes and public places to detain their victims. They detain to reach quotas, not to execute court orders.

The ICE tactics are based on brutality, disregard for human rights and lives, and on intimidation. Intimidation not only of immigrants, but ultimately to prosecute opposition¹ and everyone who is in disagreement and peacefully protests the unconstitutional and unlawful acts of the executive.

There is urgency, because it this is a moment in time when resistance against ICE is mounting and a clear statement of opposition by the Rhode Island Legislature has the most leverage. Don't waste that opportunity by waiting to pass the resolution.

Unfortunately, the Senate has not introduced any bills yet that show opposition against the unconstitutional acts of ICE, and I urge the Speaker and the bill sponsor to work with the Senate to expeditiously introduce and pass a sister resolution.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Knight for introducing this critically important resolution.



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¹ "On Saturday, September 7, [2024] Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump predicted that his plan to deport 15 to 20 million people currently living in the United States would be "bloody." He also promised to prosecute his political opponents, including, he wrote, lawyers, political operatives, donors, illegal voters, and election officials."

From Cox-Richardson, Heather. 2024. "[October 21, 2026](#)". *Letters from an American* (Oct 22).