

To: House Leadership

Dear Speaker Minor-Brown, Majority Leader Harris, and Majority Whip Osienski,

Since January 2025, Americans have witnessed Immigrant and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) violent and unconstitutional tactics as they indiscriminately round up immigrants and those they perceive as immigrants. In [April 2025, ICE attempted to enter two Los Angeles elementary schools](#) looking for students; luckily, they were turned away without incident. In [September 2025, ICE detained Chicago Alderman Jessie Fuentes](#) when she asked to be shown a warrant before allowing ICE into a hospital.

On early in the morning of November 5, [ICE agents raided a bilingual daycare center in Chicago](#) while many parents were dropping off their kids. Young children were forced to witness ICE agents dragging out one of their teachers. Staff, parents, and kids were traumatized – with a parent calling the raid “domestic terrorism.” Local Member of Congress Rep. Delia Ramirez issued a stark warning for the country “if you think you’re in a town where this can’t happen – mark my words, they are testing and pushing the limits in Chicago...[if] they can get away with the cruelty, the evil, and the terrorizing here, then they can do it anywhere else.”

These are just a few examples of how ICE continues to target our immigrant neighbors in vital community spaces. This is happening because the Trump administration promised to use every tool possible to detain and deport immigrants. During the first week of the new administration, the decades-long guidance preventing ICE from entering these spaces was rescinded, marking the first time in recent history ICE was allowed to enter these once protected spaces. ICE's recent conduct and years long history of abuse shows that their tactics will undermine the community's trust in law enforcement.

ICE terrorizes communities, pulling people from their cars and snatching them from the streets with no warning, all while covering their faces and refusing to identify themselves. Our immigrant neighbors here in Delaware are terrified – scared to go to work, to go grocery shopping, and are left wondering if their loved ones will make it home at the end of the day.

In the face of this federal failing, Delaware must step up and act boldly to protect essential community spaces. Right now, there is a bill waiting for a House floor vote that would do just that. House Substitute 1 for House Bill 94 (HS 1 for HB 94), sponsored by Representative Sean Lynn, would prevent state and local law enforcement from engaging in immigration enforcement at schools, medical facilities, and places of worship, without the Attorney General's permission prior to the proposed enforcement. This bill was voted out of committee on June 10, but despite having eight legislative days left in session, it was never scheduled for a House vote.

We cannot wait to see an attack on one of these spaces here in Delaware before deciding to act. It should not take an image of ICE barging into a doctor's office in Delaware before moving to pass HS 1 for HB 94. **We are calling on House Leadership to bring HS 1 for HB 94 to the House Floor for a vote by the end of January.**

Delaware needs our state leaders to act proactively and boldly to protect our immigrant neighbors from the federal government. We cannot allow vague threats of retaliation from the federal government to prevent Delaware from passing this legislation.

Last session, we passed House Bill 182, banning 287(g) agreements in Delaware. This was a huge accomplishment – pushing back on ICE's attempts to extend its reach into our local communities. In a time when the Trump Administration is leaning on states to sign these agreements, Delaware banned them and did so without any retribution to date. We must continue to build on this win by quickly passing HB 94 and saying that every person, regardless of status, has a right to feel safe in these spaces.

Sincerely,