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Secretary Noem and Acting Director Lyons:

According to a January 29th U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) press release, ICE has arrested 206 people during its 'enhanced' operation in Maine.

ICE has provided limited public information about only 10 of those individuals. However, reporting from news media and others indicates that ICE has arrested two law enforcement officials, a nurse, and a civil engineer, among many others, and has callously and cruelly separated young children from their parents. Many of these individuals appear to have been here lawfully and to have committed no crimes – contradicting your claims that the Trump Administration is pursuing only the “worst of the worst.”

In fact, instead of describing these people as the worst of the worst, we would describe your agency's cruel tactics as the worst of the worst. In Maine, we know what good law enforcement looks like. Our officers are extensively trained and held to high standards of performance and accountability. They work to build trust with the communities they serve – not to sow fear, intimidation and division, as your agents have done.

The apparent end to the enhanced operation in Maine does not end the pain and suffering that your agents have inflicted on communities across our state -- people who have been terrorized and businesses who have been threatened, all by their own government.

There are people across our state today who do not know where their loved ones are because of you. That is unacceptable, and it is not only a violation of their Constitutional rights, but it is a threat to the Constitutional rights guaranteed to us all. The people of Maine deserve answers, and they deserve accountability. Therefore, we are demanding the following information:

1. The number of Federal agents deployed to Maine for its enhanced operation and the name and rank of supervising officers.
2. The identities of every person arrested by ICE during its operation in Maine.
3. The legal basis for every arrest by ICE during its operation in Maine.
4. The current location of every person arrested by ICE during its operation in Maine.
5. The Federal government's plans for every person arrested by ICE during its operation in Maine.

In America, we do not have secret police. In America, we do not engage in secret arrests. As we have said before, if you have warrants, then show them. The people of Maine are entitled to this basic information. Maine will not be intimidated. We demand answers.

Sincerely

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