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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Director Godfrey,

We write to you today with concerns about how Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrest and removal operations will be conducted in Oregon in light of the Administration's recent announcement to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This news has caused increased anxiety for many of our constituents including DACA recipients, community members, and business owners.

Our first concern is the potential targeting of DACA recipients and their families by ICE. DACA recipients provide sensitive information to the Department of Homeland Security with the assurance that the information won't be used against them and their families. DACA recipients go through DHS background checks and become contributing members of society. They deserve safety and peace of mind.

We are also concerned that ICE will conduct sweeping and untargeted deportation raids. Deportation raids are an ineffective tool that generate fear and insecurity in our communities. Conducting these raids deters children from attending school and parents from seeking medical services. It also leads to crimes going unreported. Additionally, our state's economy will undoubtedly be affected if ICE increases its raids.

We respectfully request that the Portland Field Office refrain from targeting DACA recipients and their families, and avoid conducting massive and untargeted deportation raids.

We look forward to your timely response to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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