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April 30, 2025

Mr. Pete R. Flores Acting Commissioner U.S. Customs and Border Protection Department of Homeland Security 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20229

Dear Acting Commissioner Flores:

I am writing to express my profound outrage and to demand an immediate update regarding the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) raids that took place in Pomona, California, on April 22, 2025, outside a Home Depot (2707 S Towne Ave, Pomona, CA 91766), and on April 25, 2025, at a Pomona auto body shop on Holt Avenue. Given that Pomona is located over 100 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border, the deployment of CBP resources in this area raises serious concerns about whether this represented the most appropriate or effective use of federal enforcement authority. I am requesting an immediate briefing to update me on the status of those taken into custody so I can help facilitate communication with their loved ones and ensure they have access to legal counsel.

The severity of this situation cannot be overstated. In at least one case, local law enforcement was not notified about these operations in advance, which is typically standard protocol. Despite repeated inquiries, I have not received adequate information to provide families and loved ones with contact information for those still in detention. This lack of transparency and disregard for my office is wholly unacceptable and raises serious questions about the manner in which these operations were carried out.

At a minimum, I expect CBP to provide basic contact information for individuals taken into custody. If they have been transferred to ICE facilities, I expect CBP to ensure that my office is informed of their whereabouts. It is unacceptable that, as an elected representative of this community, I have not received even the most basic information about my constituents taken into custody, including their names. This suggests a troubling pattern in which this Administration may be ramping up enforcement without ensuring the due process rights guaranteed by federal law and the U.S. Constitution.

In light of the gravity of this situation, I am demanding the following information without further delay:

- 1. The names and current locations of all individuals detained during the Pomona raids, including any additional locations where they were held and whether any have since been released.
- 2. A full and detailed timeline outlining when individuals are expected to be released, along with the specific criteria or processes governing their release.
- 3. If any individuals remain in detention, please provide contact information so their legal representatives and family members can reach them.
- 4. A comprehensive explanation of the legal grounds and justifications for their detention, as well as the rationale behind the decision to carry out these enforcement actions.
- 5. An explanation of the need for and justification of the workplace raids at these two locations.
- 6. Regarding the April 25th raid, it has been reported that the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was involved, despite Pomona being located in Los Angeles County—an independent city with its own Police Department responsible for local law enforcement. This raises potential concerns about jurisdiction and adherence to state law. Please provide us with all communications made with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department regarding their participation in these enforcement activities.

I also expect a full briefing on these actions in the near future. The rights of my constituents must be respected, and their communities deserve protection from fear and uncertainty. Federal actions of this magnitude must be transparent, accountable, and fully compliant with the law and principles of due process.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

CC: Secretary of Homeland Security Noem