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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Robert Garcia
Incoming Chair
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
Incoming Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal
Incoming Chair
Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Margaret Wood Hassan
Incoming Chair
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
U.S. Senate

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The Honorable Adriano Espaillat
Chair
Congressional Hispanic Caucus

The Honorable Grace Meng
Chair
Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus

The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke
Chair
Congressional Black Caucus

Re: Rein in ICE: Day-One Accountability for the Architects of Mass Deportation

Dear Leaders:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing millions of Latino and immigrant families, we congratulate you on your new majorities and write with a clear, urgent ask:

Congress must act immediately to rein in ICE, starting with day-one subpoenas for the architects, willing accomplices, and perpetrators of Donald Trump's mass deportation agenda. Stephen Miller, White House “border czar” Tom Homan, Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin, and Acting Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement David Venturella are the first in line who must be held accountable for the human and economic disaster they have created. Just days after voters rejected this agenda, Trump doubled down by naming Miller his White House chief of staff. At this critical moment, you have the power to deliver accountability and change, and we stand ready to help.

On November 3, voters from coast to coast rejected this cruel, lawless, and costly agenda and handed you a mandate for change. Latino voters were among those leading the way: about 7 in 10 backed Democratic House candidates, two years after Donald Trump won close to half of the Latino vote. That vote reached well beyond border states like California and Texas, and beyond big cities. It included communities in Minnesota, Maine, and across the country where families have lived through ICE raids. These voters know firsthand what this agenda has done to their families and neighbors, and their vote was a verdict, not a suggestion, calling on leaders in Congress to act.

The toll has been devastating. At least 62 people have died in ICE custody under this administration. Federal immigration agents have killed U.S. citizens, including Ruben Ray Martinez in Texas and Renee Good and Alex Pretti in Minnesota. An estimated 205,000 children, including about 145,000 U.S. citizens, have had a parent detained, a toll illustrated by five-year-old Liam Conejo Ramos, who was detained himself after preschool and sent with his father to a family detention center in Texas. And racial profiling is rampant. A Pew Research Center survey found that 46% of U.S.-born Latinos worry that they or someone close to them could be deported, rising to 63% among Latino immigrants. No family should have to live with that fear.

The damage reaches every household, too. As America's Voice has documented, mass deportation is driving up the price of food, housing, and home health care while draining customers from local businesses wherever ICE operates. Every family pays this ICE Tax, whatever their views on immigration. You have pledged to bring down costs and to use your new oversight power to expose the corruption that drives them up. Reining in ICE belongs at the center of both: an agency that spends billions of taxpayer dollars while raising prices for every family is the kind of abuse oversight exists to stop.

Since Trump returned to the White House, ICE has operated without accountability, refusing to answer basic questions from Members of Congress about the people held in its custody and forcing Members to go to court just to inspect detention facilities. That changes in January. Incoming Oversight Committee Chair Robert Garcia has named DHS and ICE abuses a top Oversight priority, and Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Incoming Chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, has said Congress now has "the power to stop this cruelty and hold ICE accountable." We agree, and we want to help you use it.

Here's how to deliver:

1. **Make Stephen Miller the first witness.** Miller is the architect of mass deportation, and Trump has now made him White House chief of staff. Congress should subpoena his testimony under oath and his records on day one, and his new title must not shield him from answering for the agenda he built.

2. **Issue day-one subpoenas to Tom Homan, Markwayne Mullin, and David Venturella.** Public testimony under oath, along with records on deaths in custody, the detention of children, and the killing of U.S. citizens, is the next step to reining in ICE. These officials are only the starting point. Accountability must extend to everyone across the government who carried out this agenda.
3. **Freeze new ICE spending and contracts.** No new dollars or contracts should flow to ICE until Congress has a full accounting of how the agency has spent the money it already has.

The families who have buried loved ones, the children who have watched a parent taken away, and the communities that have lived in fear for nearly two years are counting on you. Our organizations will stand with you, bringing their stories, the evidence of what this agenda has cost, and the full strength of communities across the country. The American people have given you the power to hold the architects of mass deportation accountable. Use it on day one, and we will be with you until the job is done.

Sincerely,

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