



## United States Senate

January 17, 2018

The Honorable Thomas Homan  
Acting Director  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
500 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20563

Dear Acting Director Homan:

We write to request we be immediately briefed on the troubling reports that ICE is targeting raids in California. Please ensure we are provided with a full accounting of how ICE raids are being prioritized and conducted, including all relevant documents, memorandums, and email exchanges regarding these raids in California.

We were very concerned when we saw a Fox News interview on January 2, 2018, where you said “California better hold on tight” and if local politicians “don’t want to protect their communities, then ICE will.” This statement is dead wrong and insulting. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Now, the *San Francisco Chronicle* is reporting that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) “has begun preparing for a major sweep in San Francisco and other Northern California cities in which federal officers would look to arrest more than 1,500 undocumented people.”<sup>i</sup> The same article reports that ICE is sending additional personnel to California to increase the number of raids.

We are deeply concerned that rather than focusing efforts on violent criminals, raids carried out in neighborhoods and workplaces could result in the deportation of individuals who are simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. Specifically, you were quoted as saying ICE plans to “conduct at-large arrests in

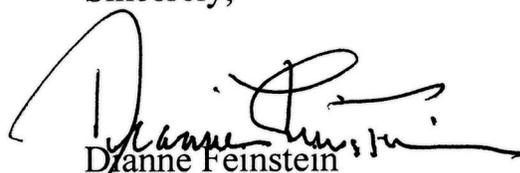
local neighborhoods and at worksites, which will inevitably result in additional collateral arrests.”<sup>ii</sup>

Yesterday, Secretary Nielsen confirmed that violent criminals are not the top enforcement priority. When asked about how deportations are going to be prioritized Secretary Nielsen stated that individuals with criminal convictions and individuals without criminal convictions are “both top-tier priority for enforcement.”

We firmly believe that law enforcement must prioritize dangerous criminals and not undocumented immigrants who do not pose a threat to public safety. Diverting resources in an effort to punish California and score political points is an abhorrent abuse of power, not to mention a terrible misuse of scarce resources.

We appreciate your immediate response to this time-sensitive request.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator



Kamala Harris  
United States Senator

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<sup>i</sup> Aleaziz, Hamed. "Feds planning massive Northern California immigration sweep to strike against sanctuary laws." San Francisco Chronicle. January 17, 2018. Accessed January 17, 2018.

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Feds-planning-massive-Northern-California-12502689.php>.

<sup>ii</sup> Id.