

Abolish ICE and Fight State Attacks on Workers

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WHEREAS, ICE's core function is to discipline and divide the working class by enforcing an immigration regime that maintains immigrant workers as a super-exploited underclass¹, strategically deploying² workplace raids in response to collective organizing and strikes, and detaining immigrants who voice opposition³ to ruling-class policies such as on Palestine, Venezuela, Cuba and Iran; and

WHEREAS, the UAW has issued a statement⁴ of solidarity with workers in Minnesota acknowledging the role of the working class and its unique ability to shut down society if need be through organized worker actions, to protect its workers and communities from the crimes and occupation by federal ICE/DHS agents; and

WHEREAS, the UAW rank-and-file membership throughout the US is made up of a significant percentage of immigrant workers, they are a valued and vital part of the working class that needs and deserves UAW solidarity; and

WHEREAS, ICE is a brutal and anonymous federal police force, is a new and disturbing outgrowth of the state and a product of the so-called "War on Terror", and is not just a threat to immigrants, but to all workers in the US; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Minneapolis organized mass days of action⁵ on January 23, 2026 and January 30, 2026 demanding that ICE be kicked out of their city, which was supported by UAW Region 9A⁶ and many others throughout the US in solidarity with Minnesota; and

¹<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/economy/wage-theft-hits-immigrants-hard>

²<https://socialism.com/fs-article/anti-union-ice-raids/>

³<https://www.alaa.org/media-releases/public-defenders-demand-the-cessation-of-all-deportation-proceedings-against-mahmoud-khalil>

⁴<https://uaw.org/uaw-statement-in-solidarity-with-the-fight-for-justice-in-minnesota/>

⁵<https://www.leftvoice.org/unions-mobilizing-general-strike-minneapolis-jan-23/>

⁶<https://region9a.uaw.org/news/newsletter012326>

WHEREAS, ICE and CBP have dramatically escalated⁷ their attacks on Minneapolis residents, deploying thousands of federal agents, brutalizing⁸, gassing⁹, shooting¹⁰, and disappearing¹¹ residents for exercising their constitutional right to assemble and protest, labelling protestors domestic terrorists¹², kidnapping toddlers¹³, and murdering Renee Good¹⁴ and Alex Jeffrey Pretti¹⁵ —as directed by the Trump administration and funded by both parties; and

THEREFORE Be it resolved that Article 19 shall be amended to include the following new section: “UAW bargaining committees are urged to bargain for contract provisions barring management from allowing law enforcement, including ICE, into our workplaces and from voluntarily cooperating in information sharing without a judicial warrant”;

Be it further resolved that Article 23 shall be amended by adding a new section: “The UAW withhold any endorsement or complicity with current office holders or candidates who do not support the abolishment of ICE”; and

Be it further resolved that Article 27 shall be amended by adding a new section: “The UAW Education Department shall develop and distribute educational materials about the historical use of general strikes and political strikes”; and

Be it further resolved that Article 50 shall be amended by adding a new section: “In the event of a violent attack on the working class in their community by the government or by management, such as a murder by ICE or attacks on picket lines, UAW locals shall hold a general membership meeting to discuss and vote on labor action including striking to demand an end to such violence. A local shall hold a membership-wide strike authorization vote if called for by a majority vote at the general membership meeting.

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⁷<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2026/jan/21/minneapolis-ice-surge-siege>

⁸<https://minnesotareformer.com/2026/01/12/u-s-border-patrol-knees-man-in-face-in-minneapolis-as-other-agents-hold-him-down/>

⁹<https://www.themirror.com/news/us-news/pepper-spray-tear-gas-flash-1639073>

¹⁰<https://www.fox9.com/news/north-minneapolis-ice-shooting-fbi-not-share-findings-local-jan-22>

¹¹<https://www.fox9.com/news/oglala-sioux-leaders-seek-missing-members-detained-ice-minneapolis>

¹²<https://www.axios.com/2026/01/25/trump-officials-stick-terrorist-label-on-americans-killed-by-dhs>

¹³<https://www.fox9.com/news/toddler-ice-order-jan-23-2026>

¹⁴<https://www.bostonreview.net/articles/renee-goods-murder-and-other-acts-of-terror/>

¹⁵<https://www.startribune.com/ice-raids-minnesota/601546426>