



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 17, 2025

The Honorable Todd Lyons  
Acting Director  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
500 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington D.C. 20536

Dear Acting Director Lyons,

I write to urgently request a detailed briefing regarding reports of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enforcement action last week in Joliet, Illinois that allegedly put the community's safety at risk. My office reached out to your office via email and phone last week immediately after hearing these reports but has not received any response from ICE despite repeated follow-ups.

Multiple witnesses report that on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, an unmarked black extended cab truck taking part in ICE enforcement actions allegedly rammed the rear of a civilian vehicle and forcibly trapped it near the intersection of Cass and Arch Street in Joliet. This location is adjacent to a youth center, a high school, and a minor league baseball stadium, and is considered a high-traffic public area.

Witnesses further report that four individuals, reportedly dressed in military-style fatigues with black bulletproof vests labeled "Police," allegedly exited the vehicle and pointed what were described as automatic weapons at the vehicle's occupants. Witnesses then report seeing one man being removed from the vehicle that was rammed and detained. We have since been informed that the individual was told he would be "removed on the 22<sup>nd</sup>."

These allegations, if true, are egregious. They appear to be a flagrant violation of law enforcement's responsibility to prioritize community safety, minimize potential risks to civilians and officers involved in operations, and operate with extreme care and sensitivity for child welfare. The reckless use of vehicle assault and weapons of war on our streets – especially in areas near schools and youth centers where these actions pose heightened risks to children – is completely unacceptable.

Given the nature, location, and urgency of these allegations, I request a comprehensive briefing from you or senior leadership on your team on this incident no later than July 20, 2025. Please contact my office at 202-570-2381 or [il14.scheduling@mail.house.gov](mailto:il14.scheduling@mail.house.gov) as soon as possible to schedule this. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Underwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lauren" and last name "Underwood" clearly distinguishable.

Lauren Underwood  
Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable Kristi Noem, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security