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Dear Secretary Noem,

I am writing to express my deep concern and alarm at the violent, militarized immigration enforcement by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Border Patrol and other federal agents in cities and communities across the USA. These operations must cease and all human rights violations must be fully investigated and prosecuted.

I am appalled to learn that, in a single month (January 2026), following the expansion of ICE and Border Patrol operations in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, federal agents have:

- *extrajudicially executed Renee Good, a writer and mother, and Alex Pretti, an ICU nurse, who were actively observing ICE and Border Patrol operations;*
- *threatened a pregnant immigration lawyer in her firm's parking lot;*
- *targeted and detained refugees;*
- *detained numerous U.S. citizens, including one who was dragged out of his house in his underwear and another taken without her family knowing her whereabouts;*
- *smashed in the windows of cars and detained their occupants, including a U.S. citizen who was on her way to a medical appointment at a traumatic brain injury center;*
- *deployed crowd-control grenades and a tear gas container next to a car that contained six children, including a 6-month-old;*
- *subjected entire communities to racial profiling; and*
- *detained a 5-year-old and used him as "bait" to detain additional family members.*

As you must be aware, these widespread enforcement actions have resulted in racialized communities living in fear, afraid to leave their homes, children missing school, and food insecurity, and have placed individuals in detention facilities that are rife with abuse. It is unacceptable that, already in 2026, at least six migrants have died while in ICE custody, including one that was determined a homicide.

I demand that you uphold your international human rights obligations and end the militarized enforcement in Minnesota and across the USA; work with local authorities to investigate all excessive use of force incidents against residents and protesters, including the use of lethal force, and hold those responsible accountable; while end the use of mass deportation and detention and the use of racial profiling in immigration enforcement.

Sincerely,