

Dear Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee Members,

I am writing to submit my testimony in support of House Bills 1570 and 1822.

For 1570:

In this year of continued tax cuts for millionaires, mega-corporations and tax-free, school voucher subsidies for the rich, these fiscally reckless decisions have now led to multiple revenue shortfalls and an overall expected budget deficit of \$100 million so far.

A majority in the legislature has decided that increased property taxes and state fees should fill this gap while also attempting to falsely shift the blame for these huge tax increases on school districts and towns. For these lawmakers to create these oppressive conditions is irresponsible, but then to demand municipalities cut their 'excessive' spending and budgets to limit the property tax increase for their town's taxpayers is completely shameful.

For any county or town to then take on any additional costs to assist ICE through any 287(g) agreements without full compensation from the federal government is unthinkable. First, ICE has been granted the largest budget outlay in history, larger than the total military budget of many countries! They have sufficient funds to do everything they need to do on their own. To drain ANY amount of funds from our cash strapped towns and chronically underfunded public schools during a period of high inflation, elevated interest rates, high prices on basic goods, groceries, and medications, increased home heating and electric costs, ballooning health insurance premiums, and housing costs that are some of the most expensive in the country to own or rent is completely insane.

For 1822:

We have all witnessed the lawlessness and mistreatment by these violent and poorly-trained ICE officers across the country who have brutalized and abducted thousands of American citizens primarily based on racial profiling. Some have been beaten, or abducted or killed simply for being in the area or passing by when ICE arrived without warning and without any legal warrants.

A majority of the undocumented immigrants abducted by ICE so far have not been violent criminals, but rather people who have simply overstayed their visa, been following our broken immigration policies and been arrested anyway, or whose legal status was revoked without notice by Trump for no reason. None of these people are criminals and not having legal status is a criminal violation, it is a civil infraction, similar to a parking ticket.

The fact that the vast majority of these mass deployments have been sent to states and cities with Democratic Governors and Mayors is not a coincidence, but direct retribution by a thin-skinned President, upset that a majority of people from these areas did not vote for him. Do not give in to these childish and illegal actions.

These people are being abducted without legal authorization or any due process, violating our constitution and the entire basis for our country's rule of law. They are sometimes disappeared for weeks without access to a lawyer, medical care, contact with their family, etc. They are held in inhumane conditions and several detainees have died because of these inhumane practices and conditions.

Because of how and why these ICE deployments have been conducted, our state should make sure to track all detentions, and all information possible: who they are, where they were taken from, when they are taken, where they were sent, what due process they received, what they were charged with, if they were sent to a detention center, how long they spent at each detention center, specifics about each detention and processing center, what services are

made available to each detainee/individual abducted by ICE, and anything else that should be required under our constitution's due process clause so as not to violate any international human rights laws or Geneva Conventions.

After the internment of Japanese during WWII and the legal reparations our country finally acknowledged in the 1980s, it's completely unbelievable that we are one again here...

Thank you for standing up for all Granite Staters and your moral and ethical leadership during these lawless times.

Sincerely,
- Jennifer Siegrist