

United States Senate

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Dear Director Godfrey,

We write to thank you for your Oct. 5 response to our September 22, 2017 letter concerning ICE's targeting of U.S. citizen Mr. Andrade-Tafolla and to raise additional concerns and questions we have based on a more recent and deeply troubling report.

Mr. Raymond Kovacic, Assistant Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), stated in a response letter received October 19, 2017 that it "carries out targeted enforcement actions professionally and humanely" and that "ICE identifies specific individuals for apprehension, removal, and in some cases criminal prosecutions, through targeted enforcement."

Yet another incident has occurred in the Portland-Metro area, in which ICE agents allegedly arrested Mr. Carlos Bolanos by mistake and took him into custody for hours on October 19, 2017 before releasing him without explanation or apology.

In a video of Mr. Bolanos' arrest, plainclothes agents appear to have illegally entered a private residence, exclaiming "we don't need a warrant to come in this home."¹ Americans do not lose their constitutional protection from warrantless search and seizure simply because ICE believes they may be immigrants. The actions of the ICE agents involved in Mr. Bolanos' arrests are counter to the very policies and practices the Department of Homeland Security claims to uphold. The behavior of these agents in recent events, taken together, suggest that ICE's claim that these are "targeted enforcement actions" is demonstrably untrue.

While we appreciate that this incident has been referred to the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility and the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General for review, we ask for the following:

- 1) A copy of the results of ICE Office of Professional Responsibility and The Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General's review.
- 2) A clear explanation into the policies and practices that led to Mr. Bolanos' arrest.
- 3) Whether the behavior demonstrated by ICE agents who detained Mr. Bolanos is consistent with agency guidelines.

¹ www.facebook.com/lyric.cardenas/videos/1687628124621679/

4) What measures, if any, have been initiated to correct inappropriate and potentially unlawful behavior by agents involved in these incidents?

We look forward to receiving your timely response.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator