

National Immigration and Customs Enforcement Council Praises House Passage of Resolution Supporting ICE Personnel

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, National Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Council President Chris Crane released the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives passed by a vote of 244-35 [H.Res.990](#), *Supporting the officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement*, sponsored by Rep. Clay Higgins (R-LA).

“On behalf of the men and women of ICE, I want to thank Congressman Higgins for having our backs and taking a stand to support ICE law enforcement officers and staff, especially at a time like this. I also want to thank Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA), Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), and both Republican and Democratic Members of the House who supported Congressman Higgins' resolution for their steadfast support of the brave men and women of ICE.

Certain elected officials, political leaders, and members of the press have engaged in hateful and often false rhetoric against our officers and employees encouraging widespread death threats and the targeting of ICE officers, employees, and their families. For these leaders, officials, and the media to enflame this type of hatred toward our officers and staff – at a time when law enforcement personnel are being targeted and have been assassinated on our nation's streets – marks a truly dark time in our country's history. It's comforting to know that some in Congress, like Congressman Higgins, still understand the value and importance of supporting the brave and courageous men and women of law enforcement.

National security, or even basic border security, does not exist without the interior enforcement of a nation's immigration laws, as the horrific events of 9/11 and indeed terrorist attacks worldwide have proven. With over 2 million criminal aliens estimated to be currently residing in the U.S., our jails and prisons are already dramatically overcrowded and local police are often overwhelmed, begging for ICE and its resources to assist in making our communities safer. Those calling for the abolishment of ICE don't understand the significant threat to our nation's security and the safety of American communities that their ideas present.”

The National ICE Council represents the over 6,000 rank and file ICE law enforcement officers and support personnel who enforce our nation's immigration laws, apprehend dangerous criminals and keep our communities safe each and every day. The men and women of ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) serve in all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and in Fiscal Year 2017 made 143,470 overall administrative arrests. Of these arrests, 92 percent had a criminal conviction, a pending criminal charge, were an ICE fugitive or were processed with a reinstated final order. (Source: Fiscal Year 2017 ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Report. <https://www.ice.gov/removal-statistics/2017>)

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