

May 13, 2025
Eric Babson
babson@math.ucdavis.edu
1094 Cragmont Avenue
Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am concerned about federal repression.

ICE agents have become an unaccountable and violent arm of the presidency. No reliable information about their arrests is available leaving us to piece things together from frightening anecdotes. There was the hammer attack on a car in New Bedford, the many reports of seizing whoever was there with even requests for warrants met with threats, the frequent operation in plain clothes with masks, the arrests and roughing up of officials—a judge, a mayor, three legislators, the arbitrary deportations without any thought of justification or even means of tracking the victims. None of the offending agents have been charged or even reprimanded. California's support for this violence is unconscienceable yet you have vowed to veto Mr Gipson's AB15 which would end such cooperation. Please reconsider.

Please assure me that you will refuse all cooperation with ICE.

My pride in the California derives in part from the rule of law.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson