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Subject: U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein responding to your message

DearEric:

Thank you for writing to express your concerns regarding federal immigration enforcement. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you are concerned about the policies and conduct of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). I recognize that you support splitting ICE into separate agencies or abolishing ICE outright.

Like you, I am deeply disturbed by many of the actions we have seen from ICE during the Trump administration. President Trump's immigration policies are the root cause of ICE overreach, which implements deportation indiscriminately against all undocumented immigrants, rather than prioritizing those who have serious criminal records or are national security risks. I do not believe ICE's top priority should be the deportation of law-abiding immigrants who are deeply embedded in our communities.

I strongly believe that comprehensive immigration reform is the best way to improve our nation's immigration system. That is why I voted for the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744), which would have allowed the United States to meet our economic and national security needs while offering a pathway to earned citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Unfortunately, while it passed the Senate, the bill was not considered by the House of Representatives before the 113th Congress adjourned.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which oversees our nation's immigration laws, I value your perspective on this issue. Please know that I will keep your thoughts in mind should immigration enforcement legislation come before me in the Senate. Rest assured that I will not stop defending the immigrant communities that help make up the fabric of our state and nation.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at [feinstein.senate.gov](http://feinstein.senate.gov) [[outreach.senate.gov](http://outreach.senate.gov)]. You can also follow me online at YouTube [[outreach.senate.gov](http://outreach.senate.gov)], Facebook [[outreach.senate.gov](http://outreach.senate.gov)], and Twitter [[outreach.senate.gov](http://outreach.senate.gov)], and you can sign up for my email newsletter at [feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter](http://feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter) [[outreach.senate.gov](http://outreach.senate.gov)]. ■

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,  
Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator