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Rt. Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister

Hon. Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Hon. David McGuinty, Minister of National Defence  
Hon. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Dear Prime Minister Carney and Ministers Anand, McGuinty and Joly,

We write on a matter of urgency on behalf of the Group of 78 (<https://group78.org/>), a foreign-policy civil-society organization based in Ottawa.

***Considering the egregious behaviour of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in American cities, especially Minneapolis, the Government of Canada must use all the tools at its disposal to sanction Canadian companies working for and with ICE.***

The actions available to you include **halting these companies' contracts with your government, disqualifying them from bidding on federal projects, rescinding federal subsidies and incentives** from which they benefit, and **disavowing them** in public.

We also call on you and your caucus colleagues to **vote for the No More Loopholes Act (Bill C233)** that would remove the current exemption from review for Canadian arms exports to the United States—weapons that in this case could be turned on the American people themselves.

At the same time, we urge your government to **endorse the work of Canadian human rights organizations supporting peacebuilding efforts** in Minnesota and other states.

The Group of 78 supports the bipartisan call by the Alliance for Peacebuilding, an international network based in the United States, for the US Administration to de-escalate the conflict in the streets, uphold the rule of law, and rein in and retrain ICE agents.

Most Canadians are aware of the human rights abuses perpetrated by ICE in several American states in the agency's aggressive campaign to detain and deport immigrants. So far in 2026, eight people have died due to ICE actions, including the tragic shootings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, or while in ICE custody. Luis Gustavo Núñez

Cáceres, Geraldo Lunas Campos, Víctor Manuel Díaz, Parady La, Luis Beltrán Yáñez–Cruz, and Heber Sánchez Domínguez also lost their lives.

ICE's [recruitment efforts](#) have purposefully sought to appeal to men with far-right political views, creating the conditions for even more danger and lethal tragedy on the ground.

As part of an [international backlash](#) against ICE and the firms working for the agency, a growing number of Canadians are concerned about companies based in our country providing goods and services to ICE.

Brampton-based Roshel, a defence-industry leader, is working on a [rush order](#) of 20 armoured vehicles for ICE. Hootsuite, headquartered in Vancouver, [provides social media support](#) to the agency. [Protestors](#) have picketed both firms, but neither company has committed to halting their contracts with ICE.

You should immediately sanction these and other Canadian firms that enable ICE's human rights abuses.

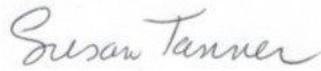
One piece of welcome news, though, is that Jim Pattison Developments [has decided not to sell](#) its warehouse facility in Virginia to ICE. Canadian firms *can* make good decisions here.

True, sanctioning these and other companies for their commercial links to ICE could further complicate an already fraught trade and security relationship with the United States and may, in fact, trigger retaliation by the US Administration.

However, over the next three years, Canada will need the support of the American people. They will remember our response to ICE's violence in their communities.

***This is a matter of great urgency. The Group of 78 calls on you to immediately sanction Canadian companies working with ICE.***

Sincerely,



Susan Tanner, Vice Chair



Roy Culpeper, Past Chair

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. David Eby, Premier of British Columbia