



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Honorable Members of the Common Council
c/o Jim Owczarski - City Clerk
Milwaukee City Hall - Room 205
200 E Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

March 12th, 2026

Dear Members of the Common Council:

As representatives of the 19th and 10th Assembly Districts, we commend Milwaukee's Common Council for taking assertive action to protect the people of Milwaukee through ICE Out Milwaukee. We recognize it as a clear commitment from the Common Council to use the power of city government to side with our immigrant neighbors, both now and in the event of an escalation of federal violence against them.

We all have a moral imperative to use our power, whenever practicable, to stop or mitigate the harm President Trump's immigration policies and brutal enforcement do to our communities. That imperative is clearest for elected officials, who are tasked with improving the wellbeing of our constituents.

Ripping people from their families and lives creates incredible suffering while helping not a single person we represent – we should feel no conflict whatsoever about working to prevent more of these irreversible tragedies.

Last summer, our offices released our Keep Families Together and Freedom From Fear bill packages to show how state government can mitigate harm from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and other abusive law enforcement actors. There is substantial overlap with this Council's work: we would prohibit government agents from acting while masked and unidentified, forbid the use of state facilities as detention centers, and forbid the use of surveillance and data collection tools like facial recognition technology by law enforcement. The more we're aligned on these policies, the better.

We must not pretend ICE and CBP are unstoppable, or beyond our power to confront. We need ongoing cooperation between state, county, and city governments with immediate, assertive legislative action to make that possible. We recognize, through ICE Out Milwaukee, that the Common Council has made a clear commitment to getting and keeping ICE and CBP out of Milwaukee. We are similarly, deeply committed to that goal.

In solidarity,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, horizontal, wavy lines.

Wisconsin State Representative Ryan Clancy, 19th District

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style that reads "Darrin Madison".

Wisconsin State Representative Darrin Madison, 10th District