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Dear Mr. Watts,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding recent federal immigration enforcement operations in Minnesota. I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns.

The deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis are tragic. My thoughts and prayers are with their families and with all those affected.

Peaceful protest is a constitutional right. However, obstructing law enforcement officers as they carry out duly enacted federal law is not protected conduct. Interference, intimidation, or violence directed at officers places both law enforcement and the broader community at risk.

Immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility established by statute. Federal officers are obligated to carry out that duty. Effective public safety depends on coordination and clarity between federal, state, and local authorities. Policies that deliberately restrict cooperation between jurisdictions create confusion, heighten tensions, and make already difficult situations more volatile than they need to be. When laws exist on the books, fragmented enforcement frameworks invite conflict rather than reduce it.

The more constructive path is partnership, in which constitutional limits are respected, lawful authority is exercised professionally, and officials at every level work together to promote public safety. Oversight remains an important part of that process to ensure accountability and adherence to the rule of law.

As investigations continue, it is also important to safeguard the rights of law abiding citizens and ensure that constitutional protections are applied fairly and consistently. I am committed to doing my part to ensure that federal authority is exercised responsibly, that constitutional rights are protected, and that our communities are kept safe through cooperation rather than conflict.

We can support professional law enforcement while also insisting on transparency and accountability. Upholding the rule of law is not partisan. It is

foundational to a safe and orderly society.

It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your thoughts and concerns, and feel free to stay connected with my office through our [newsletter](#) or on [X](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurel M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurel M. Lee
Member of Congress