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Hon. Alexi Giannoulias  
Illinois Secretary of State  
115 S. LaSalle St.  
Suite 300  
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Re: Illegal and Dangerous Conduct by ICE Agents on Local Streets  
Dear Secretary Giannoulias:

We are writing to you again to document dangerous and illegal activity by ICE<sup>1</sup> agents in the Chicago area and to request appropriate enforcement activity by state and local law enforcement.

ICE agents at Broadview and around Chicago continue to engage in illegal activities, such as driving vehicles on public roads without identifying license plates. This activity can easily be observed by anyone watching what is going on at the Broadview facility ICE is using as a base of operations. Every day there are unmarked government vehicles in plain view on the street being driven by ICE agents without any license plates (or with intentionally obscured plates). To date, none of the police agencies we have notified about this activity have taken any enforcement action. Many vehicles drive out of the Broadview facility with no plates and they do it in broad daylight, brazenly.

The Council has called the Secretary of State Police many times but we have received no substantive response.

Moreover, the agents in question are frequently driving in very dangerous ways. This has been documented in numerous incidents, including the most recent one captured by WGN News, where the ICE agent rammed a car in a suburban neighborhood causing it to crash and imperiling local residents.

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<sup>1</sup> The Council uses 'ICE' generically to include its two main components—Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)—as well as the related federal agencies operating in immigration enforcement in the Chicago area: FBI, ATF, DEA, CBP, and the U.S. Marshals Service.



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The ICE tactics are intentional. They know that they are violating state law. There's a lot in Lombard on property used by ICE at their HSI headquarters with scores of vehicles without plates. Anyone from the State could easily observe and document such activities simply by going out to Broadview.

ICE is terrorizing people on the streets, as they recklessly and dangerously drive unlicensed and unmarked vehicles. ICE agents sometimes give the finger to legal observers, effectively affirming their ability to avoid consequences for the lawbreaking conduct. The lack of accountability for dangerously driving vehicles with no plates is consistent with their determination to wear masks and to refuse to display name tags.

The Council believes state and local law enforcement authorities, including, as relevant here, the Secretary of State Police, should be holding ICE agents accountable for these illegal actions. . We are calling on you to take some action or, alternatively, to announce publicly that the Secretary of State Police has made a determination not to attempt to hold ICE accountable for its illegal actions.

As always, the Council is available to confer with you or others about these requests.

Very Truly Yours,

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President  
Chicago Council of Lawyers

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