



February 9, 2026

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
U.S. Senate
425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tina Smith
U.S. Senate
720 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Betty McCollum
U.S. House of Representatives
2442 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Senators Klobuchar and Smith and Representative McCollum,

The City Council of the City of Arden Hills is writing to implore your help in addressing the presence and operations of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the State of Minnesota and the City of Arden Hills.

The City Council held a special City Council Work Session on Saturday, January 31, 2026 to listen to public comments on immigration enforcement activity within our community. The public comments had one main theme – *fear of the actions of ICE*. There is an immediate and growing fear for the safety of the immigrant population that lives and works within our borders. There were many suggestions and ideas offered to the City Council to address ICE enforcement activities, some of which neighboring communities have considered.

While many of the suggestions and ideas can and will be considered by the City Council at upcoming meetings, ultimately, the *City* has no power to control ICE through moratoria, ordinances, resolutions or signage. There is no action that can be taken by the City Council that will stop the fear that ICE has instilled in the lives of so many people. The City Council made its positions on ICE enforcement very clear in the attached Proclamation, adopted on February 9, which authorized me to send this letter.

While the City may have little influence over ICE, you, as the federal delegation elected by the voters of the City of Arden Hills, hold the position of power and authority to demand better. ICE is a federal agency. You can hold this agency accountable for its past behaviors and for its future actions. You have the power to make ICE and the Department of Homeland Security course correct. The agency needs better training, stronger leadership, and more accountability. You



must ensure they are committed to specific and critical solutions that will help the Federal Government rebuild the public's trust in this agency.

The City Council, the residents, and the community of Arden Hills demand that you uphold the safety of all as the highest priority in your duties as our representatives. You hold the power and we stand with you to use it effectively.

David Grant
Mayor of Arden Hills

Attachment: Proclamation