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To: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
Subject: public comment
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Hello Carol Ann,

I would like to submit the following letter as public comment today with regard to resolution 130-26. Would you please redact my street number if possible?

With gratitude,
Elizabeth Saunter
Blomerth ST

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From: EB Saunter <ebsaunter@proton.me>

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To the Malden City Council, Mayor Gary Christenson, and Chief Glenn Cronin:

We write to you as clergy and faith leaders living and praying in Malden, asking for your urgent and unequivocal action. You must protect our people by prohibiting city resources from being used in federal immigration enforcement activities. Verbal or informal assurances of noncompliance and symbolic resolutions are insufficient.

The public discourse about immigration is often framed as “complicated.” Let us offer you some moral clarity: the actions of ICE are evil. Murder is wrong. Abducting people off the street is wrong. Racial profiling is wrong. Imprisoning children is wrong. Imprisoning people with impunity just because you can is wrong. Mass detention and deportation are wrong. All of these are actions ICE is taking now, in clear view of the entire world. It is entirely obvious that ICE does not keep anyone safe. Any attempts to claim it does, or to minimize its violence by implying that ICE “has legitimate public safety functions” or “there are good ICE officers” are absurd.

All of our faith traditions uphold the fundamental dignity of every human being, full stop. Our faiths call us to love the stranger, to care for people in need, and

to pursue justice. We know many of you are people of faith; we urge you to rely on your faith for courage in the face of evil. We remind Christians in particular that Jesus was born as a refugee child and called humanity to serve God by feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and liberating the imprisoned. You cannot pretend that assisting ICE in killing, beating, and traumatizing our community has anything to do with that call.

It is your moral obligation to, as far as it depends on you, refuse to comply with ICE. You have the power to take one small step in doing so. We await your action.

In faith and hope,

Rev. Emily Hamilton, First Lutheran Church in Malden
Rev. Aisha Ansano, Community Minister, First Parish in Malden
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