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Over the past several days, we've heard from residents who are worried about the possibility of federal immigration officers coming to Lima. Let me be clear: at this time, the City of Lima has not been informed by any verifiable, official, or reliable source that ICE will be coming to Lima. If that changes, we will communicate responsibly — with facts, not rumors — and in a way that keeps our community safe.

I also understand why people are concerned. National conversations about immigration are changing quickly, and much of the anxiety we're hearing locally is tied to the potential expiration of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitian nationals. This week's decision from Federal Judge Ana Reyes issued a temporary stay, but with all this uncertainty, I want to remind everyone that we must not heighten fear and confusion. I encourage residents to rely on official statements and trusted sources, and to pause before sharing information that has not been confirmed.

Finally, I want to be explicitly clear about what local government can and cannot do. Decisions about TPS and immigration policy are federal decisions. They are not made by mayors, governors, or local police departments. Our focus is on local public safety.

Lima has always been strongest when we lead with compassion, facts, and care for one another. That is who we are — and that is how we will continue to be as we move forward.

Thank you.