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Chairwoman

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The Honorable Barry Loudermilk
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Loudermilk:

I write to you today as Chairwoman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners to express my sincere appreciation for your continued service to our community and to bring to your attention matters of significant concern affecting the safety and well-being of Cobb County residents.

Recent reports of violence associated with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity have raised serious concerns among our citizens. While I recognize the important role of federal immigration enforcement, I believe that all enforcement activities must be conducted in a manner that protects public safety, maintains community trust, and upholds the constitutional rights of all individuals.

I respectfully request your support in addressing the following critical issues:

First, I urge you to initiate or support a full and impartial investigation of any incidents involving the use of lethal force by ICE officers. Transparency and accountability are essential to maintaining public confidence in law enforcement at all levels, and any use of deadly force must be thoroughly examined to ensure it was justified and appropriate.

Second, I ask that you advocate for or support comprehensive and ongoing training requirements for all ICE officers, with particular emphasis on de-escalation techniques, cultural competency, and the appropriate use of force. Adequate training is fundamental to preventing unnecessary violence and ensuring that enforcement actions are conducted professionally and safely.

Third, I am deeply concerned about reports of ICE operations conducted by personnel in unmarked vehicles, civilian clothing, or wearing masks that obscure their identity. Such practices can easily be misconstrued as kidnapping by witnesses and family members, creating panic and confusion in our communities. Moreover, these tactics create opportunities for criminals with malicious intent to impersonate federal officers and exploit vulnerable residents. I strongly urge you to support measures that would:

- Prohibit the use of masks or face coverings that obscure officer identification during arrests and detainments, except in circumstances where officer safety genuinely requires such measures;
- Require ICE officers to wear clearly identifiable uniforms and display visible badges during enforcement operations;
- Mandate the use of clearly marked official vehicles during arrests and transportation of detainees; and,
- Establish clear protocols for officer identification at the outset of any enforcement interaction.

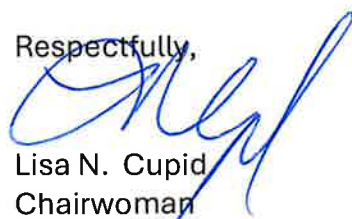
The relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve is built on trust, transparency, and accountability. When federal agents operate in ways that appear indistinguishable from criminal activity, it undermines confidence in all law enforcement, makes residents less likely to report crimes or cooperate with investigations, and places both officers and community members at greater risk.

Cobb County is home to a diverse population that includes families who have lived here for generations alongside newer residents from around the world. All of our residents deserve to feel safe in their communities and to trust that law enforcement officers—at every level of government—will conduct themselves with professionalism, transparency, and respect for human dignity and constitutional rights.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns with you further and to work together to ensure that immigration enforcement in Cobb County is conducted in a manner that protects public safety while respecting the rights and dignity of all individuals.

Thank you for your attention to these critical matters and for your continued service to the people of Georgia's 11th Congressional District.

Respectfully,



Lisa N. Cupid
Chairwoman

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Re: Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) Activity

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Sincerely,

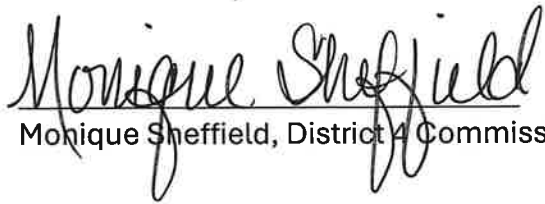
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Erick Allen, District 2 Commissioner

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Sincerely,


Monique Sheffield, District 4 Commissioner