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*State Representative Amy “Murri” Briel*

## **Briel Responds to Violence, American Deaths in Minnesota by ICE, Border Patrol**

**OTTAWA, Ill.** - State Rep. Amy “Murri” Briel, D-Ottawa, is speaking out about the recent violence that has led to the death of two U.S. citizens, mother Renee Nicole Good and VA nurse Alex Pretti, who were shot and killed by ICE and Border Patrol agents in Minnesota:

“The last series of months have been nothing short of nightmarish. The violence perpetrated by the federal government onto our own, American citizens, is not only heartbreaking—it’s simply unthinkable. This isn’t isolated, one-sided, or right versus left. Elected leaders across the map, including our Republican Congressman Darin LaHood, are horrified by the violence we’ve witnessed.

“The right to protest is a foundational liberty. When the government strips citizens of that right, it erases the very values this country was built on. When it uses deadly force against those exercising it, that is not law nor immigration enforcement—it’s tyranny.

“The federal administration has labeled their violent crusade into American cities as immigration enforcement. That claim collapses when U.S. citizens are being met with militarized force, detention, and death. Immigration policy does not override the Constitution. Federal power does not excuse the violation of basic rights.

“This is not public safety. This is political suppression. And if constitutional rights only apply when they are convenient, then they are not rights at all.

“Nothing will bring Alex Pretti or Renee Nicole Good back. The blood of the American people is on the federal administration’s hands.

“I will continue to stand in solidarity with the people of Minnesota and those across the country that have faced the lethal and corrupt wrath of Trump and Kristi Noem’s agenda that seeks to weed out opposition and the core truths America was built on.”