



Combating Deceptive Immigration Enforcement Practices Act of 2019

- This bill requires that immigration officers not be able to wear clothing bearing the word "police" while performing their duties, such as when speaking to immigrants or visiting residences of immigrants. This includes immigration officers or agents of the Department of Homeland Security, officers and agents of U.S. Immigration, Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs, and Border Protection.
- This bill would not have any predicted fiscal impact.

MAP's Perspective on H.R. 3498

MAP supports this bill because it increases transparency in ICE and holds ICE agents accountable for correctly identifying themselves to the public and vulnerable populations such as immigrants. This bill solves a specific, harmful problem facing migrants, helping to clarify and protect their rights. We cannot allow people to be deceived by those in power, especially when it entails the rights that they hold. Although we as youth in Silicon Valley do not face this kind of hardship, we want to ensure that all people are treated with the transparency they deserve.

Youth Perspective on Immigration

ICE officials wrongfully identifying as the police blurs the line between what rights people have and do not have relative to the situation. This can manipulate people into believing an ICE official has more authority than they actually do. This especially affects the most vulnerable populations of immigrants, such as youth like us. People should be able to trust, not fear, the police. However, the misunderstandings regarding the authority of ICE versus the police is perpetuated by current law, undermining the relationship between communities and authority by misrepresenting its capabilities. The following instances iterate the scope of this crisis:

- A report detailed more than 650 arrests or operations by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in New York state, ICE agents have increasingly made arrests in courthouses and used ruses such as posing as police officers.

Catholic Perspective on this Issue

The Eighth Commandment reminds us that bearing false witness against one's neighbor is morally wrong. It is simply misguided to say that ICE has the same power and rights as police. To conflate the two through visual cues is a breach of accountability and responsibility on the part of both agencies. One instance of this was reported by Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and Policy Chief James Rovella of Connecticut, in which immigration officers posed as police officers to detain a woman who was living there illegally. Through its misuse of police uniforms, ICE deliberately and abusively wields its power to manipulate and deceive people to further the agency's goals.

