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As elected officials, we are outraged by the arrest of Newark Mayor Ras Baraka by federal ICE agents and the charges made by the Department of Homeland Security against U.S.

Representative LaMonica McIver (NJ-10). These charges are a serious escalation by the Trump Administration in its effort to threaten and intimidate elected officials.

We will not be silenced or deterred by the Trump administration's attacks on our rights as elected representatives nor on our ability and obligation to carry out the work of the people. We will execute our duties while standing against unlawful or coercive threats of arrest, legal action or investigation from the administration. The constituents in our communities are our bosses, not the president or his lackeys.

But Trump's playbook is nothing new. Over the past several years, there's been a growing effort by extremists to silence, censure, investigate and even remove state and local officials simply for doing their jobs. From Florida prosecutors removed from their posts by Governor Ron DeSantis, to state legislators in Montana, Oklahoma and Tennessee censured by their bodies, elected leaders are under threat. Most recently, Trump has weaponized the federal government to go after Milwaukee Judge Hannah Dugan and Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty – a serious escalation of his war against local officials doing their jobs. This is not how a democracy is supposed to operate and we must oppose these threats.

While the charges against Mayor Baraka have been dropped, we are outraged that Congressmember McIver is facing prosecution. We call for the investigation and charges to be dropped immediately and stand with all elected officials who have experienced overreach by the Trump Administration and others seeking to subvert democracy. We are united in fighting against any attempt to corrupt our roles as elected officials to carry out illegal activities.

We will represent **all** the people in our districts, using our voices to amplify theirs. We will fight to protect and live out the rights and liberties we hold as Americans.

**Signed,**

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