



February 11, 2026

Governor Timothy Walz
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Walz:

As elected officials in Minnesota and around the nation, we work to ensure the safety of our communities. The state is currently undergoing what is reported as the largest federal immigration operation in United States history, which has caused immense harm to our communities. Currently, the operation threatens any person of color, regardless of immigration status, any time they step outside of their homes. These immigration efforts have taken place at schools, hospitals, workplaces, parks, grocery stores, and local restaurants, among others. We are devastated by the reign of terror that ICE has continued to enact in our state, preventing hundreds of our community members from going to work due to fear of brutality, arrest, and deportation.

We condemn the targeting of our immigrant neighbors. As local leaders, we call for the protection of all community members, regardless of race, national origin, or citizenship status.

No one should have to choose between going to work to keep a roof over their head and being kidnapped by ICE.

We write this letter to call for an eviction moratorium across the state to ensure the safety of vulnerable families at risk of eviction during this state of emergency. Minneapolis City Councilor and Local Progress member Robin Wonsley is urging the state to enact an eviction moratorium by [resolution](#) and [exploring ways](#) the city can implement one during statewide states of emergency. All Minnesotans are suffering, whether they live in the Metro or Greater Minnesota, and deserve to maintain shelter during this trying time. You are the only person with the power to make this happen, not just in Minneapolis, but across Minnesota.

We add our names to this letter in the hope that you will pass an eviction moratorium. People across the country are looking to Minnesota to see what we will do to support our immigrant neighbors in the wake of these attacks. Please support us in working towards a Minnesota where all of us can live free from authoritarianism.

In solidarity,

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