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In light of recent events in Minnesota and Portland over the weekend, and the lack of a unified strong response from leaders of both parties at the national level, it is incumbent on state leaders to build and enact guardrails to protect citizens from federal authorities who act with impunity. This bill will provide some protection for peaceful protesters, create a set of guidelines for ICE officers to follow, set boundaries on actions local authorities can participate in with federal officers, and provides a set of penalties for non-compliance. If citizens have learned anything from the events in Minnesota, it is to be prepared before large numbers of federal agents arrive. I strongly support this bill, and cannot stress how important it is to have this law in place now.