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I support this bill as it has become increasingly clear that federal immigration authorities are using their newly-bloated budget and authority to terrorize minority communities, and punish those who provide opposition - including but not limited to arrest and assault, using chemical weapons on peaceful protesters, and murdering civilians. While on the surface this is in regards to illegal immigration, it has been shown that, time and time again, one's immigration status or citizenship status plays a far smaller role in their interactions with federal immigration authorities than their race and ethnicity. This bill acknowledges that while pushing state agencies to develop protocols and responses that protect targets of immigration authorities in their unlawful pursuit of arbitrary deportation quotas imposed upon them. This bill is a start, and if anything should be strengthened to provide state agencies more support in responding to out-of-control immigration agencies.

Thank you.