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Outlawing the ability for ICE to mask their faces is vital, and vital now. I have seen firsthand the lawlessness ICE is utilizing. They are illegally using force on peaceful protestors such as tear gas, flash bangs, physical violence and other chemicals. They are driving vehicles with no or incorrect license plates. They frequently cause near accidents outside of the Macadam facility. They are brutally assaulting immigrants AND American citizens without cause. All of this is heightened by the inability to identify them. They don't announce if they even work for DHS or ICE when attempting detainment. They do not carry a badge. They do not have a warrant. They are masked. This total lack of accountability on any front is so dangerous, and is giving them way more power to continue committing these crimes and scaring our neighbors. We also have seen that extreme right-wing groups are now committing the same crimes even though they are not federally employed by ICE. We don't have a way to differentiate the two, and that's terrifying. It's encouraging violent people to wreak havoc on these impacted communities that are already terrified of the actions of ICE. Please require ICE to show their face. Please require them to show identification. Please require them to be held accountable.