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I am writing in support of HB 4114.

ICE, CBP, and other DHS agents frequently commit unjustified and horrific crimes that violate the 1st, 4th, and 14th Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens and residents regardless of documentation status. It is clear that DHS holds little regard for the safety, dignity, or rights of the very people they have sworn to protect. This is evidenced, in part, by US District Judge Patrick Schiltz's analysis that ICE violated 96 court orders across 74 cases in Minnesota - in the month of January 2026 alone. These hypocritical actions have greatly eroded public trust in, and delegitimized the authority of, ICE, CBP, and other DHS agents.

How can we trust that federal law enforcement officers have the public's best interests in mind when they repeatedly break multiple laws to enforce another?

These officers are public servants, and they need to be held accountable to the public. It has become increasingly clear, however, that the current mechanisms for accountability are insufficient. HB 4114 would allow members of the public to be financially compensated for when our constitutional rights are inevitably violated. Additionally, HB 4114 would help ensure that we are safe from harassment in our schools, places of worship, and hospitals.

These guard rails are the absolute bare minimum that we should expect from the public servants who are supposed to protect us.