

ABOLISH ICE

*THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM REQUIRES
THE ABOLITION OF ICE*

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By Ben Mitchell

ICE, the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, was created by

Congress in 2002 and is now well established as an official organ of state

sponsored terrorism. Anyone who has followed the development of ICS knows that

description is all too apt.



Not in my name.

Currently four Congress members – Mark Pocan (D-Wis), Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.),

Jim McGovern (D-Mass.) and Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) – are supporting legislation

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to abolish ICE (introduced June 25).

As Pocan put it: "From conducting raids at garden centers, and meatpacking plants,

to breaking up families at churches and schools, ICE is tearing apart families and

ripping the moral fabric of our nation.”

As Blumenauer wrote: "We should abolish ICE and start over,

focusing on our

priorities to protect our families and our borders in a humane and thoughtful fashion. Now is the time for immigration reform that ensures people are treated with compassion and respect. Not only because it is the moral thing to do, but it's better policy and will cost less."

This is a position I endorse wholeheartedly, as should any sentient, humane

person. If I was in Congress now, I would join these Representatives in working to abolish this ill-conceived police agency that has never been professionally self-disciplined or well-controlled by higher authority.

Opposing the police state tactics of ICE has never been a hard call, and now it's

easier than ever. But where is Rep. Peter Welch (and Vermont's Senators) when it's

time to roll back American gestapo behavior? Welch did the obligatory facebook video at an ICE facility, complete with bad lighting and garbled sound, but his stand was as wishy-washy as ever.

Now the President has called for the end of law for immigrants – just end them back, no court, no trial – that is totalitarian. America is in the midst of turmoil, the end of which no one knows. But Welch's sort of "bipartisan" pablum, his failure to push back and speak out, is no way to re-establish American democratic systems, even in their watered-down form.

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