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Trump Administration Issues Unconstitutional Threat to Milwaukee County Over Pro-Immigrant Stance

MILWAUKEE, WI – On Friday afternoon, the Trump Administration sent [letters](#) to 9 jurisdictions threatening to cut federal funding for state and local law enforcement unless the jurisdictions violate the constitutional rights of their residents. Voces de la Frontera issued the following response from Executive Director Christine Neumann-Ortiz:

"This latest exercise in bullying is part of Trump and Jeff Sessions' campaign of terror against immigrant families, Muslims, African Americans, Latinxs and LGBTQ people. They are more interested in overturning decades of civil rights advances than public safety. This threatening letter is part of an effort to intimidate Milwaukee's elected local government to give in to Sheriff Clarke's efforts to implement 287g and Republican state legislators' latest bill to force local law enforcement to act like Immigration agents. This letter provides the legal basis for Milwaukee County to join lawsuits against Trump's unconstitutional efforts to force local government and law enforcement to serve as a tool for the federal government's campaign of mass deportation and legal discrimination. We are proud of Milwaukee County's anti-discrimination resolution and Milwaukee Public Schools' safe haven resolution to keep ICE out of schools. On May 1st, as part of a national Day without Latinxs, Immigrants & Refugees general strike, tens of thousands of people throughout Wisconsin will march in Milwaukee to stand up for our families, our neighbors, and communities in the face of attacks from Trump, Sessions, and Sheriff Clarke."

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