



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

BFA Assembly Resolution
Statement on ICE Activity in Minnesota
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The Boulder Faculty Assembly expresses outrage and stands in solidarity with the people of Minnesota, and all those impacted by and fearing the state violence waged by federal immigration enforcement operations in that state and beyond, including Colorado.

We affirm that every person within the borders of the United States, regardless of immigration status, ethnicity, language, or background, is entitled to dignity and due process under the law. We reject racial profiling, cruelty, and the denial of basic civil liberties, both on our campus and in the wider society as well as the criminalization of dissent. We mourn the deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, two Minneapolis residents who were fatally shot during federal immigration enforcement actions in January 2026 as well as the deaths of the many others killed by Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) across the nation, such as Luis Gustavo Núñez Cáceres, Geraldo Lunas Campos, Víctor Manuel Díaz, Keith Porter, Jr., and Parady La. These killings, widely documented in videos and independent reporting, have shaken communities locally and nationally and raise profound questions about the indiscriminate use of force and accountability by federal agents.

As academics committed to truth, inquiry, and justice, we believe that clarity and transparent investigation are essential. Where conflicting accounts exist, we call for rigorous, independent review of all available evidence, free from political interference or deliberate ambiguity, so that families and communities can understand the full circumstances surrounding these deaths and disappearances. Regardless of political perspective, we must all come together to condemn the denial of human and civil rights.

We stand with Minnesotans, and others across the country and around the world, who continue to protest, often in bitter cold, exercising their rights to peacefully assemble and to seek accountability and reform. We call on university leadership to clearly and vocally affirm support for immigrants, refugees, international students, and all members of our campus community who may feel vulnerable in the wake of these events.

These acts of brutality and secrecy erode public trust and undermine the foundation of democratic governance and the basic respect for human life necessary for a just society. As a faculty community, we raise our voice for justice, compassion, and humane treatment of all people, and we urge policy responses that honor these principles.

A colleague at the University of Minnesota urged us to act now, not later: to be unified, to protest visibly, to document every encounter, and to begin preparing legal strategies immediately. This is not abstract or hypothetical; it is a warning rooted in lived experience. No one is immune. Our silence, delay, and fragmentation increase risk for all of us.

We therefore call on our colleagues across campus and throughout the state to act with urgency and collective resolve. Our responsibility as educators is not only to teach history, critical thinking, and the pursuit of truth, but to model what it means to defend human dignity in moments of real danger.



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We denounce ICE's tactics as a threat to US democracy and the US Constitution. The faculty pledge to protect our Black, Brown, Asian, and Indigenous community—those whom ICE is racially profiling—and thus affirm our right to not let ICE into our classrooms¹.

We especially call on those whose positions, identities, or protections afford greater safety or institutional power, including tenured faculty, to step forward visibly and publicly. This is a moment that demands courage, solidarity, and action. Waiting is not neutral. Inaction carries consequences.

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Approved

¹ <https://www.colorado.edu/undocumentedstudentresources/ice-requests>