



ABOLISH ICE ADVOCACY PACKET

Since Trump's second term began, dozens of people have died in ICE custody or during federal immigration enforcement operations. ICE remains unchecked, even as public support for the agency reaches historic lows. This is a moment to press for abolition, not reform.

Congress continues to fund ICE, then heads home for recess with little accountability. This packet is designed to help you lobby your elected officials in your district this August while they are home for the summer recess. This is where we will meet them: in our communities, where they are accountable to us.

Women's March is in this fight because ICE's violence doesn't end with the people it detains or kills. Women are left to carry the wreckage, for their families, their communities, and each other. That is a feminist issue.

Demands for the US Congress

- Abolish ICE
- Not another dime for ICE or CBP

Lobbying to Abolish ICE

1) Find out who your federally elected officials are.

Google your House Representative and your two Senators.

If you're meeting in DC, ask for the DC office. If you're meeting in your home state, ask for the district/state office. Leave a one-pager behind (see last page).

House: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Senate: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

2) Set up meetings online or in-person with your elected official using the phone number, email address, or contact form on their websites.

It's best to call the office to set up this meeting.



Here's a sample call script:

Hi, my name is ____ and I am a constituent from _____. I am part of a group that would like to request an in-person meeting with the Representative/Senator to discuss the impact of ICE on my community and the country. Could I please schedule a meeting and get the email address for the staffer who handles this issue?

They will give you the staffer's email, which you can then follow up with.

3) Send a follow up email. Here is a sample email:

Subject: Constituent Meeting Request

Dear [Staffer Name],

Thank you for speaking with me today. I am a constituent from [City/State], and I am writing to formally request an in-person meeting with [Representative/Senator name].

Our group includes [who you are – voters, mothers, students, veterans, etc.], and we would like to discuss the topic of ICE harming our community.

We will be in [DC / City] on [dates] and are available at the following times: [times].

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Name

Phone

Address (this is important because it shows you are a constituent)

If you don't hear back in a couple of days, follow up with them! Do it as many times as it takes!



4) When you have a meeting time (sometimes you need to really pester them to lock in a date), invite people from your district or state (make sure they are constituents as well).

5) Prep for the meeting: customize and [print our 1-page leave-behind document](#) and make sure you have a clear ask (defund and abolish ICE).

Make sure you work with your group to create a solid meeting structure, choose a meeting facilitator, and do some background research on the office you are meeting with so you know what to expect. Here is a sample agenda for the meeting:

-Introductions

-Someone briefly presents ICE should be abolished

-Each of you take 1 min to say why you care as a constituent, coordinate different angles

-The ASKS (this is the most important part): Stop all funding to ICE

-Ask the staffer questions about the elected official's positions and plans on the issue (getting information is as important as telling them your opinion!)

-Thank them

-Take a photo (if appropriate) and post it to socials tagging @womensmarch

6) After the meeting, send a thank-you email the same day. Here's a sample:

Dear Xx,

Thank you for meeting with us today. We appreciate your time and hope the Representative/Senator will push for the defunding and abolition of ICE.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.



Sincerely,

Name

Phone

Address (this is important because it shows you are a constituent)

Important Notes

- Sometimes staffers matter more than the Member. You want to focus on building relationships with them.
- It matters more if you bring constituents and especially if you bring people affected personally
- If you follow up, you will be more likely to get on their radar.
- Members of Congress care about constituents, the media, donors, organized groups, and definitely re-election, so your meeting should connect to one of those!

ABOLISH I.C.E.

ICE's violence is a feminist issue. It separates families, detains pregnant women in dangerous conditions, targets women fleeing violence, and leaves women carrying the consequences of detention and deportation.

ICE is fundamentally compromised. Reports have exposed violence, sexual abuse, domestic abuse, and other serious misconduct by ICE and Border Patrol agents, including against women and children in their own families.

The Trump administration has weaponized ICE against immigrants and U.S. citizens alike. Its agents profile people, make unlawful arrests, and use deadly force with impunity. When an armed federal agency operates above the law, everyone's rights and freedom are at risk.

THE PROBLEM

ICE violates our rights every day. It is:

- Killing people in the streets
- Separating families
- Terrorizing neighborhoods
- Racially profiling communities
- Conducting warrantless searches
- Making arrests without probable cause
- Denying people access to lawyers
- Seizing people from homes, workplaces, cars, courthouses, schools, and routine immigration check-ins

Inside detention centers:

- People are dying
- Medical care is denied
- Conditions are overcrowded and unsanitary
- Pregnant people face barriers to reproductive healthcare
- People are detained for months or years
- People are deported into dangerous conditions

THE DEMAND

Abolish ICE. No federal agency should have the power to raid communities, separate families, detain people without due process, and operate with impunity. ICE has become a political weapon against our rights, our freedom, and our democracy. It cannot be reformed. Congress must defund and dismantle it.

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