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Hi my name is Zuleth Lucero I am a community organizer with CAUSE. I am here today to ask that Ventura County stop transferring people in our community who have earned their release to ICE. As a community organizer I often hear stories from undocumented workers and undocumented youth in our community. Our people in our community are afraid of ICE agents being constantly present in their neighborhoods, schools and sometimes even in their workplaces. It is not fair that our hard working community have to live in fear of being harassed by ICE agents, and especially right now during the pandemic. It hurts to know that Ventura County has not stopped transfers to ICE. If L.A. County has done it, why can't we? We also know that you declared Racism a Public Health Crisis and we would like to see you stand by those words. When our sheriff works with ICE it creates an unfair system of justice where people are punished twice for no reason other than they are immigrants. Everyone should have a chance to rebuild their life after earning release from jail, not be kicked out of their community and torn away from their family just because they're an immigrant. Furthermore, the pandemic has shown us that all our health depends on everyone in our community. ICE detention centers have had dangerous numbers of COVID-19 and right now the death rate among people being held by ICE is the highest it's been in 15 years. Our immigrant communities have hit hard, and as a resident of this community. This is why today we ask you to make sure our communities are safe, specially our undocumented community who every day contribute to our county.

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***Oxnard Community Organizer***

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