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Hello,

Please see my public comment below for the Truth Act Forum. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

To Leaders of Ventura County,

My name is Kellie McManamon. I am both a resident of Ventura County and the proud daughter of a Mexican immigrant. Today, I am writing to urge the Ventura County Sheriff's Department to cease relations with ICE that results in further incarceration and family separation. Additionally, I hope that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors stop funding the voluntary cooperation with ICE. Both of these acts break communities and I do not want my taxpayer dollars contributing to the egregious practice.

As a community organizer with *Buen Vecino*, I work closely with immigrant communities. They are just like you and me. They have families, aspirations, homes, good days, and bad days. The only difference being that they lack documentation. Within my own hometown, I have unfortunately witnessed behavior that dehumanizes immigrants - labeling them as criminals or excluding them entirely. Working directly with these communities and being raised by a family of strong immigrants, I can reassure you that this is far from the truth. Immigrants are resilient, hardworking, and contribute much to our society. They are our community members, our neighbors, our friends.

Once an immigrant serves their time in jail, they should not be shuffled into the hands of ICE detainment. They have homes and families that are awaiting their release. Transferring immigrants straight to ICE after their release results in more anxiety, resentment, and trauma for everyone involved. I pray that you lead with empathy and compassion when making this decision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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