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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Daniel Gonzalez, I am the Director of Organizing and Advocacy with Future Leaders of America. FLA serves over 250 low-income first-generation youth year-round, helping them to develop leadership and public speaking skills to further their education. FLA is also a part of the Ice out of Ventura County Coalition because many of the youth we serve are either undocumented or have undocumented family members. We want to ensure that our youth and their families feel safe and protected.

I am writing to demand that the Ventura County Sheriff's Office stop all collaboration with ICE to stop voluntary transfers of community members to ICE. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors must stop funding the voluntary cooperation of our Sheriff with ICE. All undocumented folks that have gone through the justice department have served their time in court and should not be punished twice. When VCSO publicly posts release dates, times, and names in community forums, that creates an invitation for ICE to pick up undocumented community members and leads to the separation of families. It's against State law to collaborate with ICE. By posting immigrant family information, Ventura County Sheriffs are collaborating with ICE in an underhanded and abhorrent way. Right now, more than ever, our community and families need to be kept together for the overall health of our Community.

Continuing ICE and VCSO collaboration, even if it's just one person, is a huge detriment to our community and counterproductive to the safe and inclusive environment we aim to have in our county. Collaboration with ICE only creates mistrust in our justice department and increases in crime going unreported. We must think about the safety of our community as a whole which includes all immigrants and mixed-status families.

Respectfully submitted,

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