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FROM: Representative Ryan Clancy

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Committee of Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services,

I write to you today in support of Resolution 25-295 which affirms Milwaukee County's Dedication to Justice, Safety, and Access at the Milwaukee County Courthouse Complex. I am thankful for the leadership of the supervisors who sponsored it - Supervisors Marcelia Nicholson, Caroline Gómez-Tom and Juan Miguel Martinez.

I, along with much of our community, was dismayed to see that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents arrested two people in the hallways of the Milwaukee County Courthouse and the Safety Building, as reported by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on April 4, 2025. As outlined in the resolution, this is entirely unacceptable and will stop already unserved communities from accessing the many essential services that are provided at our county courthouse.

The resolution aptly points out that mass deportation is harmful to everyone, regardless of immigration status. I urge members of this committee and the larger county board to not only vote yes on this resolution but to use your powers and pulpits as elected officials to defend against the attacks on our friends and neighbors.

But that is not enough. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's office (MSCO) wholly failed to even communicate the presence of ICE within the courthouse and failed to protect access to services and every individual's constitutional right to due process. This is a preventable tragedy that you can and must prevent from occurring again.

I join in the demand for the MSCO to collaborate with the Office of Corporation Council and other stakeholders to create specific policies and procedures that will accomplish this. I trust that you will provide that process the oversight that it requires. I look forward to continuing to work together in these unprecedented times and urge you to be bold in our defense of our community.

In Solidarity,

State Representative Ryan Clancy