



Dear neighbor,

I hope that you are faring well in this historic winter storm. **For live updates and more information about emergency weather, visit the [Office of Emergency Management website](#).** If you encounter issues with your electricity or heat during the storm, please report to 311 and always feel free to contact my office for assistance (212) 807-7900. Click [here](#) for a list of warming centers around the city.

As the snow falls outside, I wanted to take a moment to write about what ICE is doing to our fellow Americans, immigrants and citizens alike.

Yesterday, [ICE committed another murder in Minneapolis](#). Alex Pretti was an ICU nurse and the federal government has wasted no time spreading lies about the incident and attempting to hide the evidence.

Last week, [ICE agents in Minneapolis detained a preschooler](#). This comes after the detention of a ten year old girl, two high school students in the school district, and reports that ICE is using children as bait to lure their parents out for arrest. The heartbreaking detention of five-year-old Liam Conejo Ramos, demonstrates the urgent need to take action against the abuses of ICE in American cities.



Liam Conejo Ramos, 5, is seen being detained in a photo released by Columbia Heights Public Schools officials that has prompted anger in the Twin Cities. Credit - Columbia Heights Public Schools

Closer to home, [there has been reporting this week that ICE is using Pier 40 in Hudson River Park to park their vans.](#) This is allowed as a part of a long standing contract with the park and ICE. The park has made it clear they do not intend to renew the contract when it expires this summer. My statement on the current situation is available below:



ASSEMBLY MEMBER
TONY SIMONE

Statement from Assemblymember Tony Simone on ICE Contract with Hudson River Park

Our parks must always be safe and welcoming places. The presence of ICE at Hudson River Park increases danger to all who use the space and must end immediately.

While I am glad that the current contract will not be renewed, I call on the Hudson River Park Trust to explore every option to end the contract early. This is yet another example of why we must pass New York for All (A3506) in Albany this year to keep public resources from aiding mass deportations by a rogue federal government, and get ICE out of New York.



Last week, [I spoke with Errol Louis on Inside City Hall](#) to address and explain my efforts in Albany to reign in ICE and this authoritarian federal government. Currently, no official database exists to track ICE activity throughout the state. We have come to rely on local organizations like Chelsea Neighbors United and D3 Open Arms to report ICE activity in our communities. My bill, the RADAR (Reporting of Arrests, Detentions, Actions, and Removals) Act ([A.9376](#) Simone / [S.8858](#) Fahy) would create a state database of ICE activity to counteract the secrecy and lies of the White House and DHS surrounding immigration enforcement.

To ensure further accountability and transparency, I have also introduced the MELT (Mandating End of Lawless Tactics) Act ([A.8908](#) Simone / [S.8462](#) Fahy) that would prevent law enforcement from wearing masks and facial coverings to hide their identity and require the use of badges.

[Click here to watch the full interview](#) and hear more about these efforts, and see below for a more detailed description of each bill:

- [The MELT Act](#) will ensure that ICE and all those who have the power to enforce our laws are held accountable to the people by banning the use of masks or facial covering and requiring a clearly identifiable name or badge number on all law enforcement officers. History teaches us that once police begin to hide their identity the future of that nation is rarely free, stable, or democratic. This bill will help to protect the rights of all people in New York and hinder the proliferation of a secret police state.
- [The RADAR Act](#) would require New York State to create a public, online dashboard disclosing data on ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and immigration officials' activity across the state. Despite a massive surge in ICE enforcement, New York currently has no centralized tracking mechanism to publicly track where, and how often, ICE and immigration officials operate. This legislation requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), in collaboration with state agencies and local enforcement organizations, to maintain a dashboard reporting anonymized, aggregated ICE data.

While we wait through this storm, please stay updated on the latest weather alerts, be safe and reach out for help if you need it!

In service,
Tony