



Coalition of Asian American Leaders

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Chair Klevorn,

We are writing today in strong support of passing a study on the economic impact of the surge in federal immigration enforcement across Minnesota (HF3480).

As community leaders on the ground, it has been horrifying to witness the human and economic harm of the federal government's actions.

Throughout the surge, CAAL worked around the clock—24 hours a day, seven days a week—to provide emergency legal triage and direct support to affected families. We have witnessed the impacts of federal agents racially profiling and arresting Minnesotans based on the color of their skin and where they were born.

We have seen naturalized U.S. citizens unlawfully detained, and Minnesotans rapidly transferred to detention centers out of state without due process and in defiance of court orders for release. These unconstitutional and unlawful actions have traumatized our communities and torn families apart. They have also inflicted serious damage on Minnesota's local economies.

Small businesses have lost workers and customers as tens of thousands of people have become too afraid to go to work, shop, or even leave their homes for fear of being taken by masked federal agents.

Now is the time for Minnesota to lead—and to tell the truth. Our state must speak the truth about what has happened in our communities and to our small businesses and our local economies.

Families and small businesses need immediate financial relief, and our state must measure and make public the economic and human costs of these federal actions. Only by doing so can we begin to demand accountability, restitution, and justice.

We urge lawmakers to pass this bill and stand with Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

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