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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20528

Todd Lyons
Acting Director
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
500 12th St., SW, #5600
Washington, DC 20024

The Honorable Pamela Bondi
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington DC 20530

Dear Secretary Noem, Acting Director Lyons, and Attorney General Bondi:

We write to express our grave concerns regarding the arrest and detention of David Huerta, the President of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) California and SEIU United Service Workers West.

On Friday, June 6, 2025, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and several other federal agencies conducted numerous immigration enforcement actions throughout Southern California. During a workplace enforcement action, Mr. Huerta, a well-known and deeply respected community leader, was exercising his lawful right to observe the conduct of immigration enforcement personnel. In the course of doing so, Mr. Huerta suffered an injury and law enforcement personnel apprehended and subsequently arrested him. It is deeply troubling that a U.S. citizen, union leader, and upstanding member of the Los Angeles community continues to be detained by the federal government for exercising his rights to observe immigration enforcement.

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As U.S. Senators, we are privileged and proud to represent Americans like Mr. Huerta, who are pillars of their community and stand up for the fundamental rights of all Californians. We have a constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice and its components to ensure that the rights of Californians are upheld. As such, we demand a complete and comprehensive response to the following requests regarding this incident by Friday, June 13, 2025:

1. We request that the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice undertake a review to determine which federal agencies and personnel were involved in the actions that resulted in the injuries sustained by Mr. Huerta and what disciplinary actions may be necessary for relevant federal personnel.
2. We request that the Department of Justice state the legal authority under which Mr. Huerta is currently being detained.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Adam B. Schiff
United States Senator



Alex Padilla
United States Senator



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator