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Thank you, James.
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Best,
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It seems clear that Vermont local and state police should be maintaining order and protecting Vermonters, NOT facilitating the masked, aggressive and often illegal actions of ICE.

ICE has a role to play in enforcing the law and overseeing immigration but that must be done transparently, humanely, and in a law-abiding manner. ICE cannot be allowed to become the ruthless personal task force of Trump and his henchmen.

Vermont police must protect Vermonters and ensure that ICE, when carrying out its duties, does so lawfully with safety and welfare in mind of everyone involved, including demonstrators peacefully exercising their 1st Amendment rights of free speech.

Sincerely,

Jim Newell
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