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COLORADO'S KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER COALITION CONDEMNS PASSAGE OF MASSIVE ICE FUNDING BILL AMIDST MAJOR CUTS TO HEALTHCARE, ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Colorado's Keep Families Together coalition strongly condemns enactment of the federal reconciliation funding package known as the [Secure America Act, signed by President Trump on June 10th](#), providing an additional \$70 billion annually to the bloated budget of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol. Despite serious concerns raised by civil liberties organizations and Democrats, the bill contains no new provisions to increase oversight of ICE immigration enforcement tactics, such as requirements that ICE officers operate without masks, present identification when asked to do so, utilize judicial warrants in arrests, or increase training requirements for ICE officers.

"It is disgraceful that the Trump Administration and the Republican-controlled Congress continue to prioritize billions of dollars in new funding for ICE, while taking away funding for food assistance and healthcare for millions of working class Americans, including refugees," said Paula Schriefer, President and CEO of Spring Institute. "ICE has repeatedly demonstrated that it cannot be trusted to respect the law and this funding will provide the agency with access to nearly limitless resources to continue to harass and abuse our communities."

Prior to the Trump Administration, ICE had an annual budget of approximately \$10 billion. In July 2025, Congress enacted HR 1, giving DHS [\\$170 billion to carry out immigration enforcement, detention, and deportation](#) over the span of four years. DHS is using this money with **no agency accountability and claiming it has no guardrails**.

The Trump administration has been on an unfettered spending spree ever since:

- [buying massive warehouses to create new deadly detention camps](#) and [surging immigration enforcement](#)
- funding shocking violence, including the deaths of U.S. citizens and immigrants in [Minneapolis](#) and [nationwide](#)
- [Illegally restricting Members of Congress](#) from routine detention facility oversight.

The \$170 billion in HR 1 could have paid for four years of Medicaid for six million children and four million adults, or SNAP benefits for 18.7 million people, or livable-wage jobs for 400,000 people.

"Republicans in Congress continue to prioritize funding that rips apart our communities instead of working to help Colorado be healthy and housed. At a time when our communities face rising

housing and healthcare costs, no help is in sight from the federal government,” said Jennifer Piper, Program Director, American Friends Service Committee, Colorado. “There are plenty of resources here to fund tax credits for healthcare or affordable housing projects. Republicans in Congress have chosen to fund terror instead.”

The Secure America Act appropriates an additional \$70 billion in funding for DHS through 2029, including \$38 billion/year for ICE and \$22 billion/year for Border Patrol. The Republican controlled Congress narrowly passed the bill on June 9 without any Democratic votes in the House or Senate. Only one Republican, Senator Lisa Murkowski, voted against the bill. All four of Colorado’s Republican Members of Congress—Lauren Boebert, Gabe Evans, Jeff Hurd, and Jeff Crank—voted in favor.

Since the Trump Administration took office in January 2025, ICE has engaged in aggressive enforcement tactics, targeting individuals for detention and even deportation despite legal presence in the U.S., detaining individuals without judicial warrants, and using excessive physical force against peaceful observers and protesters. Over 50 individuals have died in ICE custody or at the hands of ICE officers in altercations during monitoring activities or protests, including the high profile fatal shootings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti in Minneapolis in January 2026.

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The Keep Families Together (KFT) is a partnership of [Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition](#), [American Friends Service Committee Colorado](#), [Casa de Paz](#), [Colorado People’s Alliance](#), [Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network](#), and [Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning](#). Supported by [The Colorado Health Foundation](#) and the [Newcomers Fund](#), KFT formed in late 2024 to help protect Coloradans from the harmful impacts of ongoing and emerging anti-immigrant federal initiatives.