

# **State of Vermont**

## **House of Representatives**



**Montpelier, Vermont**

### **House Resolution**

**H.R. 8**

Offered by Representatives Cole of Hartford, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burrows of West Windsor, Burt of Cabot, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Cordes of Bristol, Critchlow of Colchester, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nigro of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Surprenant of Barnard, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Waszazak of Barre City, Waters Evans of Charlotte, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

House resolution strongly objecting to the manner and circumstances under which U.S. immigration authorities arrested and detained Mohsen Mahdawi and strongly advocating that he be afforded due process under the law and released immediately from detention

*Whereas*, Mohsen Mahdawi is a resident of White River Junction and has been a U.S. permanent resident (green card holder) for the past decade, and

*Whereas*, on Monday, April 14, 2025, in the belief that he was to participate in his final interview for U.S. citizenship, Mohsen Mahdawi arrived at the U.S. immigration office in Colchester, and

*Whereas*, instead of commencing the interview, armed immigration authorities in plain clothes with faces covered arrested Mohsen Mahdawi and refused to provide any information regarding where he was being taken or what would happen to him, and

*Whereas*, in a joint statement that U.S. Senators Sanders and Welch and U.S. Representative Balint released, they described this action as “immoral, inhumane, and illegal,” and

*Whereas*, Vermont’s three federal legislators also demanded that Mohsen Mahdawi be afforded “due process under the law and immediately released from detention,” *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the House of Representatives:***

That this legislative body strongly objects to the manner and circumstances under which U.S. immigration authorities arrested and detained Mohsen Mahdawi and strongly advocate that he be afforded due process under the law and released immediately from detention, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Acting Director Todd Lyons, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.