

Dear Senate Judiciary Members,

I am writing in strong support of S.208 (requiring local, state & federal law enforcement in Vermont to wear identification and to remain unmasked with LIMITED exceptions) as well as S.209 (prohibiting arrests in places like schools, health centers, government buildings and places of worship) The realities we're bearing witness to in Minneapolis with masked "agents" or more precisely, thugs, brutalizing and now executing citizens and noncitizens, laying waste to the rule of law, to due process, to the US Constitution on our streets is disgusting. These incessant, lawless and cruel ICE raids across the country leave no doubt that the federal government is bent on wreaking havoc and has declared war on the people of this nation. These elected officials and law enforcement officers are doing the bidding of one man: DJT. What we have now is undeniably a fascist regime. People are fearing for their lives, keeping their children out of school, not seeking medical care, unable to be with community at their places of worship or at a neighborhood restaurant, and staying home with the doors locked. I am a retired school teacher. It is beyond comprehension that these thugs are stalking, intimidating and disappearing parents, students and/or staff members on school grounds.

Vermont needs to take every possible measure to safeguard the people of this state. The horrors we're seeing in Minneapolis are all but guaranteed to take hold of our state.

Please have the Committee Assistant add my email to the record.

Respectfully,
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