State of Vermont
Senate Chamber

Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

Offered by Senators White, Baruth, Beck, Bongartz, Brennan, Brock, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, Lyons, Major, Mattos, Perchlik, Plunkett, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Watson and Westman,

S.R. 13. Senate resolution relating to 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 Senate:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont 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 Secretary of the Senate 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.