

WE KNOW THE TRUTH.

JOHN WINEMAN IS NEXT. THEN PETER BOOTH.

THANK YOU JOHN. PETER BOOTH IS NEXT. AND THEN LYNDSEY HOSAN.

MY NAME IS PETER BOOTH AND I LIVE IN JERICHO. I WROTE A BUNCH OF STUFF. I DECIDED THE LAST 20 SECONDS TO SET IT ASIDE AND TALK FOR A SECOND. THE FACT THAT I.C.E. IS A DISASTER IS AGREED UPON BY EVERYONE IN THE ROOM. I THINK THE BEHAVIOR OF LOCAL AND STATE POLICE IS ALSO UNDEBATABLE AND IF ANYONE IN THE TABLE FEELS LIKE THERE'S ROOM FOR DEBATE ABOUT THAT, I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE UP THE ACTIVISTS WHO HAVE PUT TOGETHER HOURS OF VIDEO FOOTAGE AND LOOK AT THAT VIDEO FOOTAGE AND I GET THAT IT'S TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND IT'S A SPLIT SECT AND WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE AND WHAT DO THE ACTIVISTS DO BEFORE THEY GOT CHOKED OUT BY THE VERMONT POLICE. LOOK AT ALL OF THAT VIDEO AND SEE IF YOU CAN REALLY ACCEPT WHAT THE BURLINGTON, SOUTH BURLINGTON AND POLICE HAVE BEEN SAYING WHICH IS THAT THEIR CONDUCT WAS PERFECT. THERE WAS ONE, I BELIEVE THERE'S ONE PERSON BEING INVESTIGATED ON THE VSP. WHICH IS JUST RIDICULOUS GIVEN THE TESTIMONY YOU'VE BEEN HEARING OF THE VIDEO THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED. THAT COULD BE PRESENTED TO YOU. I WAS IN A MEETING LAST NIGHT WITH THAT HAPPENED TO ME WITH A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL AND, WE KIND OF GOT INTO A BACK AND FORTH ABOUT THIS AND WHAT HE SAID THAT REALLY UPSET ME IS THE DID NOT NEED ICE AT ALL. QUOTE. ALL THAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO LYNDSEY IS NEXT AND ELIZABETH DUNSFORD, PLEASE.

THERE'S AN EXPRESSION IN ARABIC THAT SAYS WHICH TRANSLATES TO IT'S JUST A PASSING SUMMER CLOUD. AND WHILE WE CAN LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED ON MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> AS JUST ANOTHER TRAGIC MOMENT WHEN ICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WRONGFULLY ACTED FOR THOSE OF US WHO WERE THERE WE KNOW IT'S NOT. I WAS PRESENT FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND COULD TELL YOU, THIS IS A SYSTEMIC ISSUE. WHEN THE BURLINGTON POLICE, SOUTH BURLINGTON POLICE AND STATE POLICE VIOLATED THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL PHR\*EUS AND POLICY THEY NOT ONLY FAILED TO PROTECT THEIR CITIZENS BUT THEY ALSO ALLOWED, COMPLIED, PERMITTED AND PER PITCH WAITED HARMS. REPORTS INDICATE THEY ASSISTED IN JOINT ARREST, SUPPORTED AND HELPED ICE LEAVE THE SCENE. WHILE IT IS EASY TO SUGGEST THAT THIS IS A COMPLEX ISSUE THAT AN INVESTIGATION NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AND THAT IT IS WITHIN THE POLITICAL PROCESS OF WHICH WE SHALL PROCEED. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IT'S INCLUSION IS MUCH SIMPLER. I.C.E. COME FOUNDED BY THE CHEER TESTIMONY AND COMMUNITY WHO OVERWELL -BG -LILY AND CONTEST THE CLAIMS MADE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, POLITICAL OFFICIALS AND EVEN NEWS SOURCES WHO INACCURATELY DEPICT THE DAY'S EVENTS. THE BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED TPHAOUFPL ROUS TESTIMONIES TO CORRECT THE RECORD AND WE ARE STANDING HERE BEFORE YOU NOW TO DO THE SAME. OUR COMMUNITY HAS SPOKEN TO THE CITY COUNCIL ABOUT BEING CHOKED, CON CUSSSED, CLOTHES RIPPED OFF. BEING TEAR GASSED AND PEPPER SPRAYED. FEDERAL AGENTS PULLING BODIES AND THROW THEM INTO CARS. I'M HERE TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU HAVE A DUTY TO YOUR COMMUNITY INCLUDING YOUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS. YOU KNOW LONGER HAVE THE LUXURY TO THINK OF SUMMER CLOUDS. IT IS UP TO YOU WHETHER THIS WILL DIVIDE US. WE HAVE SEEN THIS IN BURLINGTON AND OUR COMMUNITY HAVE WITNESSED TO IT HERE. WE WILL NOT IGNORE IT. WE ARE CALLING UPON YOU TO UPHOLD YOUR DUTY, THE POWER YOU WERE ELECTED TO CARRY TO ENACT A CHANGE. HOW WILL YOU PROCEED.

THANK YOU ELIZABETH. ELIZABETH IS NEXT, AND MINA ORNANA RODELL IS AFTER THAT. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH AND I'M HERE TO TESTIFY FROM MEMBERS OF UNION WHO WERE AT THE MARCH 11 STREET.

HI THERE MY NAME IS NANA. PERSONALLY I WANT TO SAY VERMONT SHOULD AND IS GOING TO BE A STATE THAT PROUDLY SAYS I.C.E. OUT. ONE THAT DOESN'T ALLOW I.C.E. TO OPERATE WITHIN IT. EVEN BEFORE 2025 WE'VE SEEN PEOPLE MIGRATING AND

TARGETED ATTACKED BY I.C.E. AND DHS. NOW TRUMP IS WORKING TOWARD MAKING I.C.E. OWN SECRET POLICE AND IT'S MORE EVIDENT THAN EVER THAT WE NEED TO PUT A STOP TO THEIR TERROR. I CALL UPON ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO WORK ON HALTING AND LOCAL POLICE CORPORATION WITH I.C. E. WE KNOW THAT WHEN I.C.E. OPERATING ALONE COMING OUT TO PROTECT THEIR NEIGHBORS. LET'S BE CLEAR IT'S ONLY WITH STATE HEALTH THAT ICE TERROR IS ABLE TO HAPPEN WITHIN VERMONT. ON MARCH 11, PEOPLE CAME OUT AND TRIED TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I SAW PEOPLE SCREAMING, CHANTING AND PUTTING THEIR BODIES IN A WAY. I MEAN THEIR BODIES IN A WAY TO PROTECT INNOCENT PEOPLE FROM BEING TARGETED BY I.C. E. WE WERE RESPONDED TO WITH VIOLENCE. THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE LEFT SERIOUSLY HARMED OR INJURED INCLUDING MYSELF IS UNACCEPTABLE. I'M PROUD ALSO TO SAY ALSO OF THE MANY PEOPLE I SAW THERE THAT DAY, WERE FELLOW, QUEER AND TRANSGENDER. ME INCLUDED. TODAY IS TRANSGENDER DAY, AND WHILE I'M PROUD IT'S HARD TO KNOW HOW MANY QUEER AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE WERE INJURED THAT DAY. I WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING CLEAR, THAT TO BE SOMEBODY WHO'S A MIGRANT TO BE TRANS IS TO HAVE YOUR IDENTITY BE POLITICAL AND THAT'S A SHAME. BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE COME OUT. WE SUPPORT OUR MIGRANT SIBLINGS BECAUSE THEY COME FOR US TODAY, BUT TOMORROW THEY WILL COME FOR TRANSFOLKS. FOR THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND FOR ANY DISSENT.

THANK YOU.

I'M A CERTIFIED EMT THAT VOLUNTEERED AS A MEDIC ON 3/11 WHEN POLICE STARTED PEPPER SPRAYING PEOPLE. I DID NOT HAVE ANY EQUIPMENT WITH ME BECAUSE I DID NOT REALIZE WHEN I LEFT WORK THAT THAT IS WHAT I WAS GOING TO NEED TO DO. IN PROVIDING AID TO 12 OR MORE PEOPLE, MY FACE AND HANDS WERE CONTAMINATED. I CANNOT EVEN THINK THE AGONY THAT MY FRIENDS WERE IN WHEN THEY COULD NOT STAND UNAIDED FOR HOURS AFTERWARD. VERMONT STATE DID NOT STOP ANY OF THIS HARM, DID NOT ASSIST ME OR ANYONE ELSE AND ACTIVELY HURT PEOPLE AS IS EXTENSIVELY DOCUMENTED AND AS EVERY SINGLE WITNESS TONIGHT HAS TESTIFIED TO. WE WERE THERE TO PROTECT EACH OTHER AND OUR NEIGHBORS. MANY TIMES OTHER PEOPLE WARNED ME WHILE I WAS ATTENDING TO SOMEONE THAT MY INCAPACITATED PATIENT SHOULD BE MOVED OUT OF THE STREET BECAUSE OF THE RECKLESS DRIVING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WHICH VERY NEARLY KILLED MULTIPLE PEOPLE. THE POLICE DID NOT HELP ME WITH THIS. IT WAS MY NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY ALLIES. THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WARNED ME. THEY WERE THE ONES WHO KEPT GIVING ME WATER SO I COULD CONTINUE FLUSHING PEOPLE'S EYES AND WASHING THEIR FACES. IF VSP WAS THERE FOR MY PROTECTION, THEN I WILL TAKE MY CHANCES AGAINST I.C. E. DO NOT CONDESCEND US BY SUGGESTING THAT VSP BRUTALIZED US SO I.C.E. WON'T MURDER US. WE ALL KNEW WHAT OUR TASK WAS. I WAS THERE TO PROTECT MY NEIGHBORS AND I HAVE SEEN WHAT HAPPENS TO ALEX AND RENE GOOD. I KNEW THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ME. WE ALL KNEW THAT AND WE WENT ANY WAY BECAUSE SOME THINGS ARE WORTH THAT CAUSE WE'RE ASKING TONIGHT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY BUT I'M ALSO ASKING FOR YOU TO DECIDE. DO YOU BELIEVE US AND IF YOU DO WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON. YOU CANNOT BE NEUTRAL. AND NEXT TIME WILL YOU BE WITH US.

I WAS PRESENT ON MARCH 11.

I WAS THEN SHOVED BY OFFICERS BEFORE MAKING IT OUT TO THE CROWD. VERMONT STATE POLICE USED BRUTE FORCE TO CLEAR A PATH WAY SO THAT STATE AND LOCAL POLICE GUARDED I.C.E. OFFICERS AND SHOVED PROTESTERS SO THAT ICE VEHICLES COULD LEAVE I'VE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN THE SAME JUSTIFICATION WHICH IS HAD THEY NOT BE THERE, I.C.E. WOULD HAVE USED THREATS AGAINST PEOPLE. WE WERE NOT ARMED, WE WERE NOT DANGEROUS. PEACEFUL PROTESTERS WHO ARE THERE TO PROTECT THEIR NEIGHBORS DO NOT POSE THE SAME RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY AS GUN WIELDING, TRIGGER HAPPY FEDERAL AGENTS WHO ARE TRAINED TO COMMIT VIOLENCE. WHEN STATE AND LOCAL POLICE CAN UNDERSTAND THIS DISTINCTION AND RESPOND APPROPRIATELY BY PROTECTING THEIR COMMUNITIES FROM VIOLENT ICE TACTICS THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO REGAIN OUR RESPECT.

THANK YOU, KATHERINE WALLERS AND SHARON IS ON DECK. I DON'T SEE KATHERINE. IS KATHERINE HERE. I DON'T SEE HER. SO WE'LL GO TO SHERRY WINDSOR AND THEN JACKSON FRANCIS IS ON DECK.

SORRY I WAS CRYING ON THAT LAST ONE. I WAS ON DORSETT STREET FROM AROUND 5:00 IN THE MORNING TO ABOUT THE SAME TIME IN THE EVENING AND WHAT I WITNESSED IS 100% INITIATION AND ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE BY STATE POLICE. I SAW COLLUSION WITH I.C. E. WHAT -PS I WITNESSED FROM THEM FROM A RESPONSE FROM MANY PEOPLE WHO SIT IN THIS ROOM NORMALLY FROM THE POLICE AND MEDIA. THEY HAVE USED LANGUAGE SUCH AS IF ONLY THE PEACEFUL PROTESTERS REMAINED PEACEFUL THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED. THAT IS LANGUAGE OF RAPISTS. THAT'S LANGUAGE THAT SAYS, IF SHE STAYED QUIET IT WOULDN'T HAVE HURT WHEN I RAPED HER. THAT'S ALSO THE LANGUAGE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES USES TO TRY TO MANIPULATE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US INTO BELIEVING THEIR ILLEGAL AND CRIMINAL AND UNETHICAL ACTS ARE JUSTIFIED. AND MANY WHO SIT IN THIS ROOM HAVE ADOPTED THAT LANGUAGE. IT IS INAPPROPRIATE, AS YOU HAVE HEARD TONIGHT, WE WEREN'T THE ONES THAT WERE YIELDING GUNS. NEVER ONCE AND, LET ME REPHRASE THIS, AS YOU JUNIOR INVESTIGATIONS HABIT THE VIOLENCE THAT WAS COMMITTED FROM STATE POLICE, I HOPE YOU WILL INVESTIGATE YOUR RESPONSE AND EVERYBODY'S RESPONSES. I HOPE YOU ALSO INVESTIGATE HOW STATE POLICE ALLOWED THREE OF OUR NEIGHBORS TO BE ILLEGALLY KIDNAPPED. WE KNOW THAT COLTON RILEY LIED TO FEDERAL JUDGES IN ORDER TO GET THE WARRANT FOR ILLEGALLY KIDNAPPING THREE PEOPLE. AND YET HE WALKS FREE. THEY WERE NOT THERE TO PROTECT US. THEY WERE THERE TO PROTECT I.C. E. AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU IN THIS ROOM, WHO HAD SAID THINGS LIKE, IF YOU WERE PEACEFUL, IT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED. YOU ARE PROTECTING I.C. E. IF THIS WAS YOUR, THE MOTHER OF YOUR CHILDREN IN THIS HOUSE, IF YOU WOULD DO EVERYTHING THE SAME WAY, THEN FINE, IF YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY FOR THE WAY THE POLICE RESPONDED, THE WAY THE MEDIA RESPONDED THEN WE CARE ABOUT THAT FAMILY. AND THAT FAMILY DESERVES THAT SAME RESPECT.

THANK YOU. SO, JACKSON FRANCIS IS NEXT THEN PAUL FLAKENSTEIN.

GOOD EVENING MY NAME IS JACKSON. I'M A STUDENT LIVING IN LIVINGSTON. I'M HERE BECAUSE I.C.E. THIS IS EVIDENCE FROM I.C.E. -- IT WAS PERHAPS THE MOST PUBLIC AND EGREGIOUS ONCE. WHEN I.C.E. ATTACKED US AND KIDNAPPED THREE OF OUR NEIGHBORS, THIS COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT VERMONT STATE POLICE. THAT WEDNESDAY I WITNESSED VSP ATTACK MY FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES IN ORDER TO ALLOW I.C.E. TO ABDUCT THESE PEOPLE. THE NARRATIVE IS A LIE. AS ELECTED OFFICIALS YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE NOT I.C.E. OR THE POLICE SO REPRESENT US. TAKE ACTIONS TO REPRESENT, EXCUSE ME TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE VERMONTERS. THE -- STRENGTHEN THE POLICIES AND VSP. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, PAUL FLANKENSTEIN AND THEN MAYA AUSTIGE.

PAUL FLAKENSTEIN FROM BURLINGTON, I WAS ON DORSICH STREET IN MARCH 11. POWER ACT TO LAWS, POLICIES AND NORMALIZATION OF ESCALATING STATE VIOLENCE. FOR THE TRUMP REGIME, THE GOALS ARE CRYSTAL CLEAR. IMPLEMENTATION OF A WHITE NATIONALIST SOCIAL ORDER AND UNCHECKED ECONOMIC POWER AND TOP SOCIETY. THE WAR ON MIGRANT WORKERS IS CENTER STAGE. WITH I.C.E. INCREASINGLY OPERATING AS UNACCOUNTABLE AND INCREASINGLY FASCIST PARAMILITARY FORCE. AND ENFORCE APARTHEID INEQUALITY. SO FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON MARCH 11th, I SAW UNPRECEDENTED THINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY. MASKED, HEAVILY ARMED I.C.E. AGENTS ABDUCTED WORKERS AND AN ILLEGAL OPERATION. TO BE CLEAR THIS WASN'T AN ACCIDENT OR A MISTAKE THIS IS THEIR POLICY. AS MIGRANT PROTECTORS HAVE DONE, IN MANY MANY PLACES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, OVER THE PAST YEAR, HUNDREDS OF COURAGEOUS PEOPLE ARRIVE TO NONVIOLENTLY PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM BEING KIDNAPPED, DEPORTED, TORTURED AND POSSIBLY KILLED. THIS HAPPENS IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS. GOVERNOR SCOTT DEPLOYED STATE TROOPERS TO ASSIST I.C.E. AND ENSURE THE SUCCESS AS WE'VE HEARD TROOPERS, POLICE, USE INCREDIBLE VIOLENCE TO ENSURE THAT THIS WAS CARRIED OUT. IT WAS A POLICE RIOT, IN THE SERVICE OF THE TRUMP REGIME. AND TO BE CLEAR, NO ONE WANTED THE STATE POLICE THERE. IT WAS WRONG TO REINFORCE, COLLABORATION, AND ENABLE ICE. I THINK THE CHARGE ON THIS COMMITTEE IS REALLY SIMPLE AN THE IMMEDIATE TERM IS TO ENSURE

THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE ARE HELD ACCOUNTABILITY AND THAT THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO EVER HAPPEN AGAIN. THANK YOU.

MAYA IS NEXT AND THEN NICK HARTMAN IS ON DECK.

HI. MY NAME IS MAYA. THIS IS THE JACKET I WORE ON MARCH 11th. AND, THIS IS THE PART OF THE JACKET THAT STILL SMELLS LIKE MUSTARD AND PEPPER. THIS IS WHERE I FELT THE WETNESS AND THEN IMMEDIATELY THIS BURNING. THESE ARE THE GOGGLES I WAS WEARING. THE PERSON NEXT TO ME WAS NOT SO LUCKY. THEY COULDN'T OPEN THEIR EYES, THEY COULDN'T SEE. WHEN THE EXPLOSION STOPPED, I GUIDED THEM TO THE SIDEWALK. AND THIS IS HOW I HELD THEIR FACE AS I SQUIRTED WATER INTO THEIR EYES. THEY WERE SO YOUNG. COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR NEIGHBORS KID. YOUR FORMER STUDENT, YOUR NIECE, FRESHMAN YEAR AT COLLEGE. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, CARS STARTED TO SPEED BY US ON DORSETT STREET. THE POLICE WHO HAD BEEN SO COMMITTED TO BLOCKING OFF TRAFFIC ALL DAY LONG, NOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE BLINDED, HURTING, ON THE ROAD THE COPS HAD DISAPPEARED LIKE A PART IN THE WIND. PROTECTING THE PROTESTERS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BILLS COMING BEFORE YOU AND I'M GOING TO SAVE MY COMMENTARY ON THOSE FOR MY PHONE CALLS AND E-MAILS BUT WHAT I WANTED TO SAY HERE TODAY IS, I THINK ONE OF THE HARDEST AND BRAVEST THINGS THAT A PERSON CAN DO TODAY IN THIS COUNTRY IS CHANGE THEIR MIND. I KNOW YOU ALL AS POLITICIANS. AND THIS IS REALLY HIGH COST. THERE'S ANYTHING THAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY. ANYTHING YOU SAW ON THOSE VIDEOS ARE STARTING TO TUG ON THE EFFORTS OF YOUR CERTAINTY. I INVITE YOU TO APPROACH WITH CURIOSITY. I INVITE YOU TO ASK YOURSELF WHAT IS BEING DEMANDED OF YOURSELF TO ENSURE FREEDOM IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE, TPAOEPL FROM REPRESSION. FREEDOM FROM BEING SNATCHED FROM YOUR HOUSE ON A WEDNESDAY. FREEDOM TO WORK, FREEDOM TO PLAY, FREEDOM TO REST. FREEDOM TO DEFINE FOR YOURSELF WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE. FREEDOM TO GO OUTSIDE OWN A WARM SPRING DAY, FEEL THE SUN ON YOUR SCREEN. SKIN. BECAUSE THIS IS THE SRER MOTE BECAUSE THIS IS THE VERMONT.

I WANT TO THANK THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR HOLDING THIS HEARING TODAY. OUR OFFICE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICY AND WE HAVE A SEAT ON THE VERMONT TRAINING COUNSEL. POLICE OPTIONS THAT VIOLATE POLICY MAY ALSO VIOLATE THE ANTI DISCRIMINATION PROTECTION THAT WE ENFORCE UNDER THE VERMONT ACCOMMODATIONS ACT. UNDER THAT ACT SINCE 1989 THAT HRC HAS CONDUCTED MANY IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVES LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION. WE HAVE INVESTIGATED DISCRIMINATORY CONDUCT OF POLICE. AND CONDUCTING TRAFFIC STOPS, RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE, MAKING ARRESTS, AND COOPERATING WITH IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. ARC HAS ON WHETHER STATE AND LOCAL. WHAT WE DON'T HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO IS TO ENCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OF INVESTIGATION TO CONFIDENTIAL BY LAW. IF THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THERE'S NOT GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT DISCRIMINATION OCCURRED, THAT FINDING IS CONFIDENTIAL BY LAW. SO EVEN IF THE HRC WERE TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENTS OF MARCH 11 ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENTLY WOULD STILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. I ASKED THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIR TO TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO PUBLICLY INVESTIGATE THIS ISSUE. WE URGE THE LEGISLATURE TO FIND A SOLUTION THAT WILL ENABLE A TRANSPARENT PROCESS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY IN THIS AND OTHER FUTURE POLICE ACTIONS THAT IMPACT OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. WENDY I DON'T SEE THAT WENDY HAS COME DOWN. SO I WILL MOVE ON TO LISA OR LIZA COCHRAN AND SILVIA KNIGHT IS ON DECK.HELLO I'M LIZA COCHRAN.I'M TESTIFYING AS A CITIZEN CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT PROTESTERS WENT THROUGH INFORM AFTERMATH. WE HEARD AGAIN AND AGAIN THE FACTS WILL COME OUT IN THE AFTERACTION REVIEW ONCE THE BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE IS EVALUATED.

COMMISSIONER MORRISON TOLD US WE TEND TO OPERATE FROM A PLACE OF FACT NOT FEELINGS AND NOT PREASSUMPTIONS ABOUT PEOPLE'S MOTIVES AND YET THE COMMISSIONER, THE GOVERNOR AND POLICE CHIEFS HAVE NOT WAITED FOR THAT FOOTAGE OR THOSE REPORTS BEFORE BLAMING THE ESCALATION ON MARCH 11th ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY I.C.E. AND THOSE THEY CALL AGITATORS IN THE CROWD. LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE RAID, THE GOVERNOR URGED AND THE COMMISSIONERS AND

POLICE CHIEFS HAVE -- TO THE VIOLENT AGITATORS. IT IS PREMATURE TO REMARK ON THE CONDUCT OF POLICE BUT EVIDENTLY IT IS NOT TOO SOON TO MALIGN PROTESTERS AS AGITATORS. I DENY THE DIFFICULT POSITION THAT POLICE ARE IN AND YET THIS CLEAR DOUBLE STANDARD FAILS TO PUBLIC TRUST. I AM ALSO HERE AS A CONCERNED U.S. RESIDENT TO GO BEYOND DORSETTE STREET. HAS NATIONAL CONSEQUENCES. THE TERM AGITATOR HAS LONG BEEN USED TO DELEGITIMIZE. TRUMP CALLED THE PROTESTERS PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS. HERE AT HOME REGARDLESS OF INTENT THE TERM AGITATOR IMPLIES. UNTIL THE ANALYSIS OF MARCH 11th IS COMPLETE IT IS OUR COLLECTIVE DUTY NOT TO MAKE PREASSUMPTIONS. IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT THE CROWDS OUTRAGE WASN'T PART OF A PREMEDITATED AGENDA BUT SIMPLY WHAT HAPPENS IN THE HUMAN BODY. HUMAN HEART WHEN WE WITNESS VIOLENCE BEFORE US. WHEN WE WITNESS A SMALL GIRL FROM A BLANKET TAKEN FROM HER MOTHER OR WOMEN CHOKED AND TAKEN TO THE GROUND. IT'S ON THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE THE HISTORICAL CONTENT OF THESE WORDS MEANING AND ITS FUTURE STAKE OF ITS MISUSE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. LIZA OR LISA COCHRAN IS NEXT. I APOLOGIZE. SILVIA. THEN MOQUETE IS AFTER THAT. IS ON DECK.

MY NAME IS SILVIA NIGHT. LIVE IN BURLINGTON VERMONT WITH MY PARTNER. AS ALLIES OF MIGRANT JUSTICE, MY PARTNER AND I WERE PRESENT ON MARCH 11 AT THE DORSETTE STREET SITE FOR ABOUT 3-1/2 HOURS. WHERE MANY WERE GATHERED IN PEACEFUL SOLIDARITY WITH THE IMMIGRANTS INSIDE THE HOUSE. WHEN I.C.E. AGENTS CAME IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, THEY WERE THERE BEFORE ALSO, WHEN THEY CAME LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WITH A JUDICIAL WARRANT, STAFF TOLD THEM THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE WARRANT WAS NOT IN THE HOUSE. I.C.E. MOVED AHEAD ANY WAY TO RAISE THE HOUSE WITH HELP FROM THE STATE POLICE IN RIOT GEAR. THEY WERE CLOSELY WRESTLING, THROWING PEOPLE AND GUARDING THE DOOR AND THEY WERE THROWING THEM OFF THE STREET STEPS. YOU HEARD FROM ALL THOSE PERSONS. THEY AND ICE WEREN'T WITH THE LONG -- TO FORCE THE DOOR OPEN ENABLING I.C.E. TO INVADRE THE HOME WITH I.C. E. I WAS DEEPLY HORRIFIED. TO WITNESS THIS ABUSE OF POLICE POWER. TERRIFYING TO MANY. ARRESTING THREE RESIDENTS WHO ARE NOT EVERYONE --EVEN NAMED IN THE WARRANT. POLICE, I.C.E. COLLABORATION, EGREGIOUS VIOLATION OF THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICING. UNNECESSARY POLICE ACTION TO VIOLENTLY BREAK INTO A HOME AND SO CALLED COLLATERAL ARREST. ALL SINGLE FASCISM AND POLICE STATE, WE MUST RESIST. PLEASE PASS H849 AND S209. THANK YOU FOR HEARING US.

THANK YOU. JUST A QUICK ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WE'RE STILL HAVING ISSUES WITH CLOSED CAPTIONING. HOW ARE A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE AND LINKED TO OUR STREAM WITHIN 72 HOURS. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT BUT WE'LL GO TO NOW IKE AND RUSS GREEN IS ON DECK.

MY NAME IS IKE I'M A RESIDENT OF MOUNT PELLIER. WHEN I HEARD I.C.E. AGENTS WERE OUTSIDE A HOME IN DORSETTE STREET.

CAN YOU GET A LITTLE CLOSER.

WHEN I HEARD THAT I.C.E. AGENTS WERE OUTSIDE A HOME ON DORSETTE STREET I DROVE UP FROM MOUNT PELLIER AS SOON AS I COULD GET OUT OF WORK. I JOINED OTHER VERMONTERS IN GATHERING THERE BECAUSE I.C.E. HAS A CONSISTENT RECORD OF VIOLATING CIVIL LIBERTY, TAKING PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES AND MOVING THEM TO ANOTHER STATE TO DENY THEM THE DUE PROCESS THAT WE'RE ALL ENTITLED TO. I BELIEVE IF SOMEONE'S RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED, I HAVE A RIGHT TO SHOW UP, WITNESS AND PREVENT HARM TO MY NEIGHBORS IF I CAN. THEY SEIZED THREE PEOPLE WITHOUT A WARRANT AND DROVE OFF IN THE NIGHT WITH THEM. MOST PEOPLE WOULD CALL THAT KIDNAPPING. THEY HAD ESSENTIAL HELP FROM OUR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE WHO BEAT AND SHOVED PEOPLE ASIDE SO I.C.E. COULD BREAK DOWN THE DOOR AND THEN SHIELDED THE ICE AGENTS WHILE THEY DRAGGED THREE RESIDENTS OF THE HOME OUT TO THEIR VEHICLE. OVER THE NEXT TWO HOURS, I SAW OFFICERS WHO SALARIES WE PAY AND SHOULD HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT US, USE PEPPER SPRAY AGAINST PEOPLE WHO JUST CAME TO EXPRESS THEIR VOICES. IF SOME PEOPLE CAN BE SNATCHED FROM THEIR HOMES WITH NO WARRANT, AND ANYONE WHO TRIES TO

PROTECT THEM WILL BE BRUTALIZED, WHAT SAFETY AND LIBERTY CAN ANY OF US COUNT ON. I DON'T BELIEVE VERMONTERS CAN STAND ASIDE. I HOPE THAT EVERYONE CAN COUNT ON EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, RUSS GREEN IS NEXT AND THEN RAY BEACHER IS ON DECK.

HELLO, MY NAME IS RUSS GREEN I'M A BORN AND RAISED VERMONT. I WAS NOT PRESENT ON DORSETTE STREET ON MARCH 13th BUT THIS IS WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO BE TRUE. THE PERSON WHO WAS THE TARGET OF I.C.E. WAS NOT DRIVING THE VEHICLE THAT WAS INVOLVED IN A MULTICAR COLLISION. NOR WAS THAT PERSON IN THE HOME THAT WAS LATER RAIDED. DURING THAT RAID, THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT DEEMED IN THE WARRANT WERE UNLAWFULLY DETAINED. TWO OF THESE UNLAWFULLY DETAINED PEOPLE WERE IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR ASYLUM. THIS IS WHAT I UNDERSTAND OF I.C. E. THIS IS A POORLY TRAINED, RACIST PAR MILITARY GROUP WITH A LOW BAR FOR ENTRY AND NO OVERSIGHT. THERE'S BEEN TESTIMONY FROM FORMER I.C.E. ATTORNEY SCHWANK THAT THE RECRUITMENT TRAINING IS QUOTE DEFICIENT, DEFECTIVE AND BROKE, END BROKE. END QUOTE NO LONGER TAUGHT TO I.C.E. CADETS AND THAT THEY ARE FURTHER INSTRUCTED TO IGNORE THE CONSTITUTION ALL TOGETHER. CHILDREN ARE BEING SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN RAIDED, PEOPLE HAVE IN THE STREETS AND PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN DETENTION IN CAPTORS CONDITIONS. WE VERMONTERS WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY OF THIS BEHAVIOR FROM OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE DO NOT WANT OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ASSIST I.C. E. THE EVENTS OF THE 11th, ERODE OUR COLLECTIVE THOUGHTS AND GOVERNMENT AND MAKES THE CLAIM OF PROTECTING AND SERVING THE PUBLIC ILLEGITIMATE. QUALIFIED IMMUNITY NEEDS TO END. AND WE NEED TO BRING THEM SOME ACCOUNTABILITY. I IMPLORE YOU TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION AND HELP US MAKE VERMONTERS SAFE. THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE THERE ON MARCH 11th AND HERE TODAY.

THANK YOU, WE HAVE RAY BEACHER.

MY NAME IS RAY BEECHER. -- BEACHER. I WAS THERE ON MARCH 11th AND IT WAS NOT JUST FRIGHTENING. IT SHOWED HOW POLICE ARE OPERATING IN THE STATE. I.C.E. WENT INTO THE HOME LOOKING FOR ONE PERSON THEY BELIEVED WAS INSIDE. THEY WERE WRONG. INSTEAD, THREE PEOPLE WERE TAKEN. NONE OF THEM THE TARGET. ALL OF THEM LATER RELEASED. WHAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCED WAS THAT HESITATION. BUT WHEN PEOPLE EXPERIENCED WAS THAT HESITATION IN THE FACE OF THAT MISTAKE. IT WAS ESCALATION. AND HOURS LONG STAND OFF, A NEIGHBORHOOD FILLED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, A COMMUNITY SHOWING UP TO PROTECT THEIR NEIGHBORS AND LOCAL AND STATE POLICE DID NOT STAND APART. POLICE WERE THERE, THEY CLEARED THE PATH, THEY CONTROLLED THE PERIMETER AND THEY ENSURED THAT OPERATION CONTINUED. THAT IS NOT NEUTRALITY. THAT IS PARTICIPATION. THEN IT WENT FURTHER. PEOPLE CHOKING, DISORIENTED, FORCED TO THE GROUND. SO THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT ICE IT'S ABOUT WHY LOCAL STATE AND LOCAL AND STATE POLICE REINFORCED A FEDERAL OPERATION THAT WAS ALREADY BASED ON THE WRONG PERSON. BECAUSE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICING IS SUPPOSED TO EXIST IN REALTIME AND THE DECISIONS MADE IN MOMENTS LIKE THAT, WHAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCED INSTEAD WAS FORCE COORDINATION AND ALIGNMENT. NOW AFTERWARD WHAT IS BEING OFFERED IS DEFLECTION. BUT PEOPLE WERE THERE, THEY SAW WHO CLEARED THE PATH. THEY SAW WHO HELD THE LINE AND THEY SAW WHO STOOD WITH FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT. THAT WAS NOT IMPARTIAL. THERE IS NO ASTERISK AFTER WE AND WE ARE VERMONT STRONG. THANK YOU. I DON'T SEE THAT JENNIFER IS HERE. SO WE'LL GO TO QUINNTON ROLL AND CAYSON HUDMAN IS ON DECK.

THANK YOU. FOR HAVING ME, MY NAME IS QUINN ROLL I'M FROM BURLINGTON AND I'M READING THIS ON BEHALF OF A FRIEND. MY NAME IS CHRISSIE ROSE AND I LIVE ON THE NORTH END. I WAS PRESENT ON MARCH 11th INCLUDING WHEN POLICE PEPPER SPRAYED PEOPLE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. THEY TELL US THAT POLICE ARE NOT ASSISTING WITH I.C. E. WHAT I WITNESSED WAS THE OPPOSITE OF THAT. THE ONLY PEOPLE ON THE SCENE TRYING TO KEEP ANYONE SAFE WERE THE NEIGHBORS WHO SHOWED UP TO DO SO. WE WERE NOT THERE TO PROTEST WE WERE THERE TO PROTECT AND WE MIGHT HAVE SUCCEEDED IF THE POLICE HAD NOT BEEN THERE. I WATCHED A PERSON IN THE CROWD FALL TO THE GROUND, UNABLE TO BREATHE BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN SHOVED BY A

STATE TROOPER. NEIGHBORS SURROUNDED THIS PERSON TO SHIELD THEM AND OFFER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. STATE POLICE VIOLENTLY SHOVED THE CROWD BACK INTO THEM. I IMPLORED THE LOCAL POLICE OFFICER CLOSEST TO ME TO TELL THE OFFICER TO STOP THAT THERE WAS A PERSON ON THE GROUND IN DANGER OF BEING TRAMPLED. SHE REPLIED, I CAN'T. I WISH I COULD. WE'RE BEING TOLD COMPLETELY CONTRADICTORY THINGS. WE'RE BEING TOLD THE POLICE WERE THERE ON THE SCENE TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY BUT ALSO THAT THEY HAVE NO AUTHORITY OVER ICE. AND POLICE HELP I.C.E. TAKE PEOPLE WITHOUT A WARRANT THAT'S NOT FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICING. POLICE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE AGENTS NOT TO TRAMPLE SOMEONE THEN THEY HAVE NO ABILITY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC EVEN IF THEY INTENDED TO. TO SAY THAT THAT WAS THE REASON THEY WERE THERE IS A FARCE. AND INSULT -- INSULT TO THE PEOPLE THAT WERE TAKEN. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. PLEASE PROTECT US.

THANK YOU, PLEASE DO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY IF YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO GET THROUGH IT ALL. HUDSON AND BULLEI IS ON DECK.

HI MY NAME IS CAYSON HUDSON. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF -- FELON VIOLENT ORGANIZATION. THE ONLY VIOLENT AGITATORS THERE WERE ICE AND THE POLICE. I WITNESSED STATE TROOPERS COME IN WITH GUNS, STRONG ARM MY FRIENDS, THROW THEM OUT OF THE WAY AND CLEAR THE PATH FOR ICE TO KIDNAP OUR NEIGHBORS. THE NARRATIVE FROM THE POLICE SO FAR HAS BEEN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN THERE TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE. LET ME BE CLEAR AND PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE TO STOP THE APP -- ABDUCTION OF OUR NEIGHBORS WERE NOT THERE TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE. THEY WERE THERE TO PROTECT THE THEIR NEIGHBORS. PRECISELY WHAT THE POLICE WERE THERE TO DO AND DID NOT DO. THE MANIFESTATION MAY HAVE ALLOWED ICE TO ENTER THE HOUSE, BUT IF POLICE HAD DONE THEIR JOB THEY WOULD BE VERIFIED THAT NO ONE IN THE HOUSE WAS LISTED ON THE WARRANT. AT THE PRECISE MOMENT THAT ICE BECAME COMMITTED TO KIDNAPPING PEOPLE THEY HAD NO RIGHT TO DETAIN. THE STATE POLICE SHOULD HAVE TOLD ICE THAT DETAINING THOSE VERMONTERS WERE UNLAWFUL ABDUCTION AND KIDNAPPING. THEY DID NOT DO THAT. PRESUMABLY BECAUSE POLICE TRUSTED ICE MORE THAN THEY TRUSTED US. I.C.E. WAS WRONG ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. IF THIS HAPPENS AGAIN, YOU CAN BET THAT ALL OF US WILL BE OUT THERE PROTECTING OUR NEIGHBORS AGAIN. IF THE STATE POLICE ARE REALLY THERE TO PROTECT US THEN THEY NEED TO TRUST US AND NOT TRUST ICE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, BOOTS BULLEI, BULLEI IS UP AND ZUKE BULECOIN.

THAT'S ACTUALLY ME. I ACCIDENTALLY REGISTERED TWICE. SO.CALL ME SUKI.

SO, IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS WELL.

DEAR I.C.E., POLICE AND BISTANDARDS. MY NAME IS SUKI. WILL YOU REMEMBER ME IF I GET DETAINED OR SHOT EVEN IF I'M BROWN. I'M WEARING A COWBOY HAT SO THAT SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM. I WATCHED YOU SHOT MY FRIEND. YOU HANDCUFFED ANOTHER. SLAMMED HIM TO THE GROUND AND TO THE BACK WE HAD TO FACE HIM SIDEWAYS SO HE COULD BREATHE. YOU GRABBED AND SHOVED THEM BY THE NECK. YOU CHOKED THEM UNTIL THEY WENT UNCONSCIOUS AND OUR FRIENDS. YOU DID AN ARM BAR INTO ANOTHER AND SWING THEM TO THE CURVE. YOU DID IT AGAIN TO ANOTHER FRIEND. YOU ALMOST RAN THEM OVER WITH A CAR. YOU REMOVED THEIR MASK TO PEPPER SPRAY THEM. AND PEPPER SPRAYED THEM POINT POINT-BLANK. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE TWO POLICE STROLLING TOWARD MY FRIENDS AS IF THEY WERE ON THE BEACH. WITH GAS CANISTERS ON THEIR TORSOS. AND THAT BLUE LIGHT WITH A POP OF FLASH BANGS. LIKE A PHANTOM. THE RESIDUE PARTICLES CAME TOWARD ME LIKE FIRE FLIES. THE WORSE IS YOU KIDNAPPED THEM FROM THEIR OWN HOME. TRAUMATIZING THEIR CHILDREN. CARELESSLY LETTING A BULLET SLIP. BUT IT DIDN'T STOP THERE. YOU DID SO MUCH I CAN'T KEEP TRACK. THERE ARE SO MANY OF MY FRIENDS STORIES I CAN'T SAY HERE. IT WAS ALREADY BAD ENOUGH THAT OUR GOVERNMENT FUNDS YOUR FEAR MONGERING BUT YOU CHOSE TO CALL TROOPS ON YOUR OWN CIVILIANS. EVERYONE -- EVEN IF SOME OF YOU DIDN'T CHOOSE TO DO THAT YOU WATCHED. YOU HELPED TERRORIZE YOUR OWN PEOPLE. MY FRIENDS. BUT GUESS WHAT, I HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS.

THANK YOU. SO, DAN MOVEHOURS I THINK IS NEXT. AND THEN EVELYN VERSIER.

I'M DAN, I LIVE IN VERMONT. THE STATE POLICE AND POLICE SQUADRON NEED A UNIFORM CHANGE TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE BE EASILY DISTINGUISHED FROM THE VARIOUS AGENCIES OF I.C.E. WHEN I WATCH THE VIDEO I CANNOT HONESTLY SAY IT WAS BEING DONE BY AN I.C.E. AGENT AND NOT AN AGENT OF STATE POLICE. I WAS SURE IT WAS A STATE POLICE TROOPER, THE UNIFORMS TOO SIMILAR. I WAS IN THE STREET PROTEST FOR 12 HOURS I COMMEND THE DEMONSTRATORS AND POLICE FOR NOT SHOWING VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. IT CAME TO A CRISIS ABOUT 5:30 WHEN THE VERMONT STATE TACTICAL TEAM CAME IN FULL REGALIA, COMPLETE WITH RIFLES FOR THE AND CREATED AN AISLE FOR THE ICE AGENTS TO ENTER THE HOUSE. I SAW POLICE DOING WHAT THEY WERE ASKED TO DO WHICH IS TO KEEP PROTESTERS OUT OF THE I.C.E. AGENTS. OUR STATE EXECUTIVE LEADERS MADE OUR STATE TROOPERS COLLABORATE TO THE ARREST OF PEOPLE NOT EVEN ON A WARRANT. IT HAS MADE OUR TROOPERS INTO WHERE THE PRISONERS WHO SUPERVISE OTHER PRISONERS IN NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS. WE NEED TO PASS S27 FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES UP TO AIDS IN STANDARDS. H849 REGARDING CIVIL ACTION DAMAGES FOR THE INTERFERENCE OF STATE OR FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. WHEN THERE IS AN I.C.E. ACTION, OUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLICLY CORRECTLY AND IMMEDIATELY CONNECT WITH I.C.E. IN A WAY THAT ALL OF US KNOW ABOUT. THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE I.C.E. ACTION MUST BE VERIFIED BEFORE MOVING FORWARD. IF I.C.E. WILL NOT COMPLY THAT INFORMATION ALSO NEEDS TO BE PUBLICLY PUT FORWARD AS A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT. WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AND WE NEED TO HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH TAKE AUTHORITY AND DO SOMETHING. NOT ONLY WERE CITIZENS CAUGHT IN THE FRONT LINES BUT ALSO THE GOOD NAME OF OUR POLICE FORCE WITHDRAWING THROUGH THE MUD. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. EVELYN IS UP NEXT AND THEN JEFF NICHOLSON.

HI MY NAME IS EVELYN, AND I'M TAKING MICROJUSTICE THIS SEMESTER. ON MARCH 11, MANY OF US WITNESSED ON WHAT WAS A VIOLENT ATTACK ON OUR NEIGHBORS HERE IN VERMONT. I SAW FIRSHTHAND, OFFICERS FROM MANY AGENCIES BRUTALIZE NOT ONLY THE SOLIDARITY MEMBERS WHO WERE PROTECTING OUR NEIGHBORS INSIDE THE HOUSE ON DORSETTE STREET BUT ALSO UNLAWFULLY ARREST THREE OF OUR FRIENDS INSIDE A HOUSE. WHO HELPED THEM? OUR LOCAL POLICE. I BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT IF WE HAD NOT SEEN THE POLICE PRESENCE THAT WE SAW THERE, I.CE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ARREST OUR FRIENDS. I LOOKED AT THE AGENT AND ASKED HIM IF THIS WAS HIS CHILD INSIDE WHAT WOULD HE DO. WOULD HE BE CHAINED TO THE STEPS BEGGING THAT NOBODY TAKE HIM AWAY FROM HIS FATHER. HE SAID NOTHING. HE LOOKED STRAIGHT PAST ME. NOTHING IN HIS EYES BECAUSE THAT'S ALL IT IS. IT'S JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE JOB UPHOLDING THE LAW. WHEN I ASKED POLICE WHY THEY WERE COMPLYING WITH ICE THEY RESPONDED TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE. BUT WHO ARE WE KEEPING SAFE. MASKED MEN IN THE STREETS KIDNAPPING OUR NEIGHBORS. WHO ARE WE KEEPING SAFE? THE STATE. WHO ARE WE KEEPING SAFE WITH DOZENS OF PROTESTERS WERE PEPPER SPRAYED, THROWN TO THE GROUND AND CHOKED WHILE ICE OFFICERS STAYED PROTECTED BY THEIR POLICE BODYGUARDS. THE POLICE ARE -- A TOTAL DISREGARD FOR COMMUNITY AND OUR VERMONT OFFICIALS ARE ALLOWING IT. WE'RE CALLING FOR THEM TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THIS BECAUSE WHO KEP -- ACCOUNTABLE BECAUSE WHO KEEPS US SAFE WHEN THEY DON'T? WE KEEP OURSELVES SAFE. THIS IS A LESSON WE'LL HAVE TO LEARN OVER AND OVER AND AFTER EVERYONE SLOWLY LETS GO OF THIS DAY, AFTER YOU ALL MOVE ON WITH YOUR LIVES, YOU CHECK YOUR WATCHES WONDERING WHEN YOU CAN GET HOME, YOU PUT ALL OF THIS IN YOUR BACK POCKET. REMEMBER THAT YOUR MIGRANT NEIGHBORS STILL FEEL EVERY EVERY SINGLE DAY. ABOLISH THE POLICE, AND ABOLISH ICE NOW.

THANK YOU. JEFF NICHOLSON AND MEGAN IS UP NEXT AFTER THAT.

I THINK I'M AN AGITATOR. I'M NOT AN OUTSIDE AGITATOR THAT'S NOT WHAT THE GOVERNOR SAID BUT I THINK THERE'S A DIFFERENCE THERE. I LIVE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHY PEOPLE ARE UPSET IT'S BECAUSE WE LIVE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'VE SAID, GO, FEW PEOPLE UP IN MINNESOTA. AND WE'RE SORRY FOR THIS THAT OR THE OTHER THING. IT GOT REAL REAL FAST HERE LAST MONTH. A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE OUR ALLIES AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T NECESSARILY AGREE WITH US AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN SPENDING THE LAST YEAR

NOW THINKING ABOUT THIS, AREN'T REALLY READY TO TALK ABOUT IT AND I KNOW A LOT OF YOUR PEOPLE, A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT AREN'T READY TO TALK ABOUT IT EITHER. THE THING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME. THE ONLY THING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME. I WILL PUT THE AGITATOR IS THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SAYING, THE GOVERNOR HAD A REALLY NICE STATEMENT THEN HE THREW THAT AGITATOR SHADOW THERE AT THE END. I DON'T KNOW WHY HE HAD TO DO THAT. BUT THE BURLINGTON POLICE SAID EVERYTHING WAS FINE UNTIL SOME OTHER GROUP CAME FROM SOME WHERE AND MADE IT WEIRD. AND THERE'S BEEN STATE OFFICIALS SAYING THE SAME THING. AND THAT'S JUST NOT WHAT HAPPENED. IT GOT WEIRD WHEN THE COPS TOOK THE BAD GUYS SIDE. THAT'S WHEN THE ARMS CAME OCCUPANT. THAT'S WHEN THINGS STARTED GOING BANG AND BOOM AND THE BIG FLASHES YOU SAW ON TV. ALL THE PROTESTERS, THE PROTECTORS, WERE NONVIOLENT. I DIDN'T SEEP ANY ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT WERE INITIATED BY THE PROTECTORS. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT. BUT I ALSO WANT TO KNOW YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS IS IMPORTANT. IT'S IMPORTANT TO US. AGITATE, I LOOKED IT UP IN THE DICTIONARY BECAUSE I THOUGHT THE GOVERNOR WAS INSULTING ME. TO MAKE SOMEONE FEEL, ANGRY, OR NERVOUS. OR TO MAKE SOMETHING ESPECIALLY A LIQUID MOVE AROUND BY STIRRING IT OR SHAKING IT. IF YOUR WASHING MACHINE DOESN'T HAVE AN AGITATOR YOUR LAUNDRY IS NOT GOING TO GET CLEAN. I WILL OWN THAT POSITION. I WAS AN AGITATOR BUT I WAS NOT AN OUTSIDE AGITATOR. IT'S MANY ANY NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY CAME TO FIGHT ME. THAT'S WHY I'M ANGRY.

THANK YOU. EXCUSE ME. SO, MEGHAN IS NEXT THEN TENSEN SHOFEL.

I'M MEGAN HICKEY FROM SOUTH BURLINGTON. MY NEIGHBORS WERE BEING -- BY ARMED MEN. IT WAS MORAL THAT I DO SOMETHING. WE CHANTED AND SANG AND SOME EVEN PLAYED MUSIC AND DANCED. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT WERE SOME OF THE MOST TERRIFYING MOMENTS OF MY LIFE AND I STILL KEEP RELIVING IT. OUR WHISTLES, CARDBOARD SIGNS AND TRASH BAG PONCHOS WERE NO MATCH FOR THE TEAR GAS. WE SHOUTED FOR I.C.E. TO LEAVE OUR NEIGHBORS ALONE. IN THE AFTERMATH, I WITNESSED AGENTS IN GREEN AND BLACK SHOVING, YANKING AND THROWING PEOPLE. I SAW PEOPLE PINNED TO THE GROUND AS ON LOCKERS PLEADED WITH OFFICERS TO PLEASE -- ONLOOKERS PLEADED WITH OFFICERS TO PLEASE BE CAREFUL. WE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT POLICE WERE THERE TO PROTECT US AND WITHOUT THEM THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE. WHAT VIOLENCE DID THEY STOP? I SAW FLASH BANGS DEPLOYED, CHEMICALS SPRAYED INTO PEOPLE'S FACES AND SUVS DRIVEN RECKLESSLY. I SAW PEOPLE LYING ON THE GROUND WHO DIDN'T KNOW WERE OKAY OR EVEN ALIVE. TRAFFIC RUSHING BY AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS PERFORMED FIRST AID IN THE STREET. I BELIEVE THE OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF LOCAL AND STATE POLICE COULD HAVE PUT US ALL AT GREATER RISK. SOME MIGHT CALL US AGITATORS AND RIOTERS. WHAT I SAW WAS MY COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER DOING EVERYTHING WE COULD. PUTTING OUR BODIES ON THE LINE IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS AND STOP AN ATROCITY FROM HAPPENING. YOU CAN'T PROTECT BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND ICE. PICK A SIDE.

THANK YOU. SONYA PENSON AND MARK GABLE. I THINK THAT MARK WAS SIGNED UP FOR ZOOM. BUT I SEE THAT HE'S HERE IN PERSON. SO HE'LL BE ON DECK.

VARIOUS, MY MAYOR, THE STATE TROOPERS OFFICIAL STATEMENTS, OUR GOVERNMENT MEMBERS HERE. ALL THE STATEMENTS, COME IN CLOSER. TOO FAR. CHECK ONE, CHECK ONE. DO I GET A RESTART TIME TOO? IT'S STILL TICKING. THERE WE GO. THE POWERS TO BE ALL RELEASE STATEMENT THAT THE STATE TROOPERS IN VERMONT, POLICE, THE LOCAL POLICE USE NO CHEMICAL IRRITANTS OR ANY KIND OF NONLETHAL ROUNDS OR ANY KIND OF FLASH BANG DEVICES. MANY OF MY FRIENDS BEG TO DIFFER. MY RIBS BEG TO DIFFER. GOT A NICE LITTLE PHOTO FOR Y'ALL. YOU CAN PASS THAT AROUND IF YOU WOULD LIKE. IT'S A LITTLE NAKED BUT IT'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF BRUISES FROM ROUNDS. OUR POLICE ARE LIARS, OUR STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE LIARS. ALL OF YOU. I DON'T EXPECT ANY KIND OF MEANINGFUL CHANGE. OUR STATE POLICE AND LOCAL POLICE FULLY AIDED I.C. E. AND IT LEFT YOU WONDERING WHAT KIND OF AGITATION I WAS DOING TO GET A FEW BRUISES FROM THEM AND IT'S BECAUSE I WAS HELPING A FRIEND THAT WAS IN FRONT OF A WEAPONIZED CAR. THAT WAS MOVING IN FRONT OF THEM. THEY HAD, TWO STATE TROOPERS, PEW, PEW PEW WITH THEIR -- ROUNDS. I WAS TRYING TO HELP THEM OUT. THAT'S WHY THEY HURT ME. POLICE, STATE TROOPERS, ICE, MY

STATE GOVERNMENT. ALL MY REPRESENTATIVES ARE HERE TO HURT ME AND MY FRIENDS AND MY FAMILY AND THEY'RE WILLING TO LIE TO COVER IT ALL UP. I SEIZE THE REST OF MY TIME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MARK IS NEXT AND REGIONAL ELLIOT IS ON DECK.

MY NAME IS MARK GABLE AND I LIVE IN SOUTH BURLINGTON. AND I'M HUMBLLED BY ALL THE COMMENTS I'VE HEARD SO FAR. AND I WANT TO TELL EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM BEFORE I START, THAT I HAVE TO SAY IN NO WAY DIMINISHES IN OF YOUR EXPERIENCES. AND YOU WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THAT TRAUMA THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. I DRIVE A SCHOOL BUS FOR SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOLS AND I ALSO HAVE -- NONVIOLENT TRAINING. IT WASN'T UNTIL I WAS PICKING UP THE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS AT THE END OF THE DAY THAT I GET A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE IN MY COMMUNITY. MY PRIORITY QUICKLY BECAME TO GET THE STUDENTS HOME SAFELY AND THEN TO GET TO THE PROTEST AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, TO LEARN, OBSERVE, DOCUMENT AND HELP IN WHATEVER WAY I COULD. WHAT I SAW BETWEEN 4:30 AND 6:30 STARTED AS A PEACEFUL PROTEST. BUT AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF ICE' TACTICAL TEAM AND THE SECOND GROUP OF STATE POLICE, THINGS QUICKLY TURNED INTO A VIOLENT DISRUPTION. FROM WHERE I STOOD, NONE OF THE PLAYERS IN FULL WERE AT SOME LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ANGER AND HATE THAT INSUED. HOWEVER, IN MY MIND WHEN THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WHAT TOOK PLACE IN SOUTH BURLINGTON, THAT DAY AND THE NO KINGS MARCH ON SATURDAY WAS THE DIFFERENCE IN INDIVIDUALS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING PROTESTS PEACEFUL AND CIVIL. THAT WAS MISSING ON MARCH 11 AND SHOULDN'T BE IN THE FUTURE. THAT HOLDS TRUE. FOR THE STATE POLICE, SOUTH BURLINGTON POLICE, AND THE BURLINGTON POLICE WHERE WERE THE MEDIATORS? WHERE WERE THE PEOPLE THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO KEEP THE PEACE? I'M IN NO WAY SAYING THAT THOSE WHO STEPPED OUT OF LINE SHOULDN'T BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. HOW ARE WE'RE IN A TIME WHERE WE NEED TO COLLABORATE. BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS, TROOPS AND MAYBE UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WE MIGHT NOT. WE NEED TO LEARN HOW TO DO BETTER ON ALL SIDES NEXT TIME. NOT JUST DEMONIZE. THE REAL ENEMY SHOULDN'T BE FELLOW VERMONTERS TRYING TO PROTECT THEIR NEIGHBORS BUT AN ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS NO RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW. AND A PRESIDENT THAT REBELS IN SCENE TURN ON ONE ANOTHER. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MARK. THE NEXT THREE WITNESSES AMILIO MORALES, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT LONGER TIME BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE. ELLIOT, UNLESS, BUT I BELIEVE THE NEXT THREE WITNESSES I BELIEVE ARE GOING TO HAVE A TRANSLATOR SO WE'RE GOING TO ADD SOME TIME BECAUSE OF THE TRANSLATION THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED. SO EMILIO MORALES AND WHOEVER YOUR TRANSLATOR IS. THEN CHRISTIAN TERREZ AND MIKA WILL BE THIRD.

HI, SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION. THE SOUND QUALITY ISN'T TOO GOOD. MY NAME IS RACHEL VEDA I'M A STAFF MEMBER WITH MIGRANT JUSTICE. I WAS, THERE AND INVOLVED FOR THE ENTIRE DAY ON THE 11th. YOU KNOW WE'VE HEARD EXTENSIVELY TONIGHT AND OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS FROM PROTESTERS FROM THE PEOPLE WHO WERE DETAINED, AND FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT ACROSS VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS, SO I WANTED TO SUMMARIZE QUICKLY THE TIME LINE OF WHAT HAPPENED ON THE 11th. JUST BEFORE 8:00 A.M. MIGRANT JUSTICE RECEIVED WORD THROUGH OUR EMERGENCY LINE OF AN ATTEMPTED ICE DETENTION ON DORSETTE STREET SOUTH BURLINGTON. A MIGRANT JUSTICE VOLUNTEER ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND IDENTIFIED THERE WERE THREE ICE AGENTS ON-SITE. AT 8:45, ICE AND NOT PROTESTERS CALLED SOUTH BURLINGTON POLICE REQUESTING BACK UP. FROM THERE ON OVER THE COURSE OF THE DAY, DOZENS OF SOUTH BURLINGTON, BURLINGTON AND VERMONT STATE POLICE ARRIVED ON SCENE. WHILE DOZENS AND THEN HUNDREDS OF ALLIES AND VERMONT COMMUNITY MEMBERS RALLIED IN FRONT OF THE HOME. WE SANG, WE SHARED FOOD, SOMEONE WAS MAKING HOT DOGS AROUND THE CORNER. AND WE MADE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE INSIDE KNEW THAT THEY WERE NOT ALONE. PROTESTERS SELF-ORGANIZED TO KEEP EACH OTHER FED, WARM, AND RELATIVELY DRY DESPITE THE COLD RAIN. AND AS MANY HAVE SAID DURING THE DAY, DOZENS OF ICE BRIEFLY BORDER PATROL AND THEN VERMONT STATE POLICE, SOUTH BURLINGTON POLICE AND BURLINGTON POLICE WERE PRESENT. WE THEN LEARNED THAT OFFICERS SET A COMMAND AT CITY HALL. AROUND

4:00, WITNESSES SAW ABOUT A DOZEN VERMONT STATE POLICE OFFICERS IN RIOT GEAR GATHERING NEAR HANNEFORD. ICE OFFICERS WERE THERE SPEAKING WITH THOSE AGENTS. AND DESPITE ALL THAT IT WASN'T UNTIL 4:50 P.M. THAT ICE WAS ABLE TO GET A WARRANT. DESPITE ALL OF THE PREPARATION, ALL OF THE ACTIVITY ON THE SCENE. THEN AT ABOUT 5:30, HEAVILY ARMED VERMONT STATE TROOPERS HELPED ICE SLAM DOWN DOORS TO THE HOME. SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, ICE, SOUTH BURLINGTON AND BURLINGTON POLICE MAINTAINED A, A CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH ICE OFFICERS COULD LEAVE AFTER ILLEGALLY DETAINING THREE OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AS OFFICERS DRAGGED, CAMILA, CHRISTIAN OUT OF THE HOME. PROTESTERS CHANTED AND ULTIMATELY PARTICIPATED IN THE DISORDERLY CONDUCT TO KEEP POLICE FROM TAKING OUR -- NEIGHBORS SAFE. THEY EVEN STRUCK ONE PERSON WITH A CAR. AS MULTIPLE PEOPLE HAVE SHARED WE'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THOUSANDS OF PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS. WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO PROVIDE MORE EVIDENCE FOR EVERYTHING THAT WAS SHARED TONIGHT. I WILL PASS ALONG TOO BY MY COLLEAGUES.

APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. WE WILL HEAR FROM EMILIO MORALES, TRANSLATOR AS WELL.

MY NOMBRE ES EMILIO. PRIMERO QUIERO --

HELLO MY NAME IS EMILIO I WANT TO START BY THANKING THE COMMITTEES TO CREATE THIS SPACE SO THAT WE CAN COME OUT AND SPEAK OUR VOICES AND MINDS. THE EVENTS OF MARCH 11 WERE EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE AND CONTINUE TO HAVE REPERCUSSIONS. WHAT HAPPENED THERE HAS CREATED GREAT PAIN IN OUR COMMUNITY.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: ON THAT DAY ON MARCH 11, WE WERE FIRSTHAND WITNESSES TO VIOLATIONS OF OUR RIGHTS AND EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE. THESE AREN'T SUPPOSITIONS THESE ARE FACTS THAT WE WITNESSED OURSELVES.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: JUST TWO NIGHTS AGO WE HELD A COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY WHERE WE BROUGHT TOGETHER MANY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND HEARD TESTIMONY AFTER TESTIMONY OF THE FEAR INSTILLED IN COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT THE EVENTS OF MARCH 11th. THE FACT THAT PEOPLE DON'T FEEL SAFE ON THE STREETS OF VERMONT.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THIS CREATES GREAT PAIN IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN WHAT WE SAW WAS ON MARCH 11th ALSO A DISPLAY OF COURAGE AND SOLIDARITY FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS COMING OUT TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THE MOST DIFFICULT THING TO WATCH ON MARCH 11th WAS THE COLLABORATION OF LOCAL POLICE AS THEY AIDED ICE IN BREAKING TOWN THE DOOR OF THESE FAMILIES. THIS HAS BROKEN OUR TRUST AND HAS BROKEN THE SENSE OF SECURITY WE FELT IN THIS STATE.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: WE DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE FAMILIES SEPARATED. WE DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE COMMUNITY MEMBERS DETAINED. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO LIVE FREELY AND IN PEACE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR RIGHTS WILL BE RESPECTED AND THAT WE'LL BE TREATED WITH THE HUMAN DIGNITY THAT WE DESERVE.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH A MESSAGE THAT OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES, DIGNITY, JUSTICE AND SAFETY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, CHRISTIAN DURREZ IS NEXT.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS CHRISTIAN JERREZ. I'M ONE OF THE PEOPLE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE EVENTS OF THE DAY. IT WAS ARRESTED.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: I WANT TO TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY EXPERIENCE THAT DAY AS I WAS INSIDE MY HOME.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THIS IS A MOMENT OF GREAT FEAR, TRAUMA, TERROR BECAUSE WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THERE WAS NO AUTHORITY THAT WE COULD CALL ON FOR HELP. NO POLICE WHO WOULD HELP US IN THAT INSTANCE. WE COULD ONLY COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND I KNOW WITHOUT THAT SUPPORT THINGS WOULD HAVE GONE MUCH WORSE FOR US.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THE FEELING OF OF BEING IN THE HOUSE THAT DAY WAS TERRIBLE. THERE WAS A 3-YEAR-OLD GIRL THERE WITH US.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THERE WERE TWO WOMEN THERE AS WELL. ALONG WITH MY NEPHEW WHO IS JUST 18 YEARS OLD. ALL OF US WERE INSIDE THAT HOUSE EXPERIENCING FEAR AND TERROR.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

WE SAW HOW THE POLICE ADVANCED ON THE HOUSE STRIKING OLD WOMEN, WOMEN WHO COULD HAVE BEEN OUR GRANDMOTHERS.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: WE ALSO SAW THEM STRIKING YOUNG PEOPLE, PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE PROTESTING PEACEFULLY.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THIS WAS A MOMENT OF INCREDIBLE VIOLENCE. AND ONCE WE WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE HOUSE AND PUT INTO THE CARS, WE HEARD THE AGENTS LAUGHING AND MAKING FUN OF THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE. WE ALSO SAW THROUGH THE CAR WINDOWS AS THEY USED PEPPER SPRAY ON PEOPLE'S FACES.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THE MIGRANT JUSTICE COMMUNITY SHOWED UP FOR US IN THAT MOMENT. AND THEIR PRESENCE WAS THE ONLY SAFETY THAT WE FELT THAT DAY.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: IT'S A DIFFICULT EXPERIENCE TO HAVE LIVED THROUGH AND TO RECOUNT BECAUSE WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: AND ICE IS ONLY FOCUSED ON THE COLOR OF OUR SKIN. ON THE LANGUAGE THAT WE SPEAK, IN ORDER TO ACCUSE US OF WHATEVER THEY WANT.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: AND I HOPE ONE DAY THAT THE OFFICIALS WHO VIOLATED OUR RIGHTS THAT DAY AND THE RIGHTS OF EVERYBODY WHO WERE THERE, SOME DAY HAVE TO COME HERE AND SPEAK TO YOU DIRECTLY AND SHOW THEIR FACE FOR WHAT THEY'VE DONE.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, AND WE WILL GO TO ENRIQUE VELICAZAR NEXT, THANK YOU.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR OPENING THIS SPACE FOR HEARING THE REALITY OF THE PEOPLE.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: MY NAME IS ENRIQUE BALCAZAR AND I'M PART OF THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IN VERMONT.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: NOW I'VE BEEN IN THIS STATE SINCE 2014. AND SINCE THAT TIME I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN PUSHING FORWARD THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICING POLICIES WE HAVE TODAY. MANY TIMES I HAVE GONE TO THE COUNCIL, PROVIDED TESTIMONY, TALKED ABOUT THE PROTECTIONS WE NEED BECAUSE OF THE ISSUES THAT HAPPEN WHEN POLICE IN VERMONT AND AROUND THE COUNTRY DO THE WORK OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: DESPITE HOW MANY TIMES THE POLICE TRY TO PAINT A PICTURE OF THEIR INTENTIONS THAT DAY, YOU ARE HEARING TONIGHT ABOUT THE REALITY OF WHAT HAPPENED.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY HAS ORGANIZED TO SPEAK UP FOR OUR RIGHTS AND SO THAT WE CAN LIVE IN PEACE IN THE STATE OF VERMONT.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICE IS NEEDED IN THIS SITUATION MORE THAN ANY OTHER TO ENSURE THAT THE RESOURCES OF VERMONT AND PEOPLE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF VERMONT ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEPARATION OF FAMILIES AND THE DETENTIONS OF IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: THESE ACTIONS ARE PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS AGENDA ATTACKING OUR COMMUNITY. THEY SHOULD NOT BE PART OF THE AGENDA OF THE STATE OF VERMONT. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO OUR RESIDENTS IN THIS STATE.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: AND WE ARE A PART OF THIS STATE.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: ON MARCH 11th I AWOKE TO A SITUATION OF NEIGHBORS DEFENDING NEIGHBORS. OF PEOPLE DEFENDING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. TO BE FREE FROM UNLAWFUL SEARCH AND SEIZURE. THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO REMAIN SILENT. ALTHOUGH I'M NOT AN ATTORNEY I KNOW THAT WHAT HAPPENED WAS A VIOLATION OF THE POLICY OF FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICING.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

TRANSLATOR: WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THIS SITUATION NEVER REPEATS ITSELF IN VERMONT AND THAT THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL POLICY BE RESPECTED.

[SPEAKING GLOBAL LANGUAGE ]

PEACE AND RESPECT FOR ALL.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU MEMBER CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY. AS YOU HAVE HEARD, ON MARCH 11th, POLICE -- WITH ICE. AND FROM QUOTE FACILITATING THE DETENTION OF INDIVIDUALS BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES FOR SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS. AS PART OF THEIR JUSTIFICATION, POLICE HAVE CLAIMED THAT THE ACTIONS ON MARCH 11 WERE PART OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. THIS CLAIM IS -- BY THE FACT. POLICE DETAINED ANA, CRISTINA. EVEN IF ONE WERE TO ACCEPT THE CLAIM, THE POLICY STILL PROHIBITS POLICE COLLABORATION. POLICY STATES THAT QUOTE FEDERAL, CRIMINAL AND IMMIGRATION LAW IS GENERALLY NOT A PRIORITY. SPECIFICALLY NAMING THE UNLAWFUL REENTRY CHARGE THAT WAS USED TO JUSTIFY THE RAID, AND DISCOURAGE IT FROM QUOTE EXPENDING RESOURCES, INVESTIGATING OR ENFORCING SUCH OFFENSES. THEN TO AVOID ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THESE CLEAR VIOLATIONS POLICE OFFICIALS ARE MISREPRESENTING THE POLICY. THEY CLAIM THAT THE POLICY WASN'T WRITTEN FOR QUOTE ANY SITUATION THAT EVEN REMOTELY COMES CLOSE TO THIS. AS A POINT OF FACT. THE POLICY WAS WRITTEN WITH THESE SITUATIONS IN MIND. MIGRANT JUSTICE KNOWS THIS BECAUSE IN 2016, WE DRAFTED THE PROVISIONS IN QUESTION. PRECISELY, TO PREVENT SUCH COLLABORATION. NOW SINCE THE HORRIFYING POLICE ICE RAID, LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS HAVE PRESENTED AN ALICE IN WONDERLAND LIST OF EVENTS. POLICE CLAIM THAT THEY WERE THERE TO SAFEGUARD PROTECTORS RIGHTS TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH. RATHER THAN ASSAULTING AND BRUTALIZING COMMUNITY PROTECTORS. POLICE SAY THEY PREVENTED GREATER VIOLENCE. THEY HAVE SHIFTED THE GOAL POST SO FAR THAT THEY DECLARED THEIR OPERATIONS A SUCCESS SIMPLY BY POINTING TO THE LOWEST OF BARS THAT NOBODY WAS KILL DURING THE EVENTS OF MARCH 11th -- NOBODY WAS KILLED ON DURING THE EVENTS OF MARCH 11th. NOW VERMONTERS AREN'T FOOLED. WE COULD SEE THAT POLICE WORKED WITH I.C. E. WE KNOW POLICE WILL NOT POLICE THEMSELVES. THIS IS WHY MIGRANT JUSTICE CALLS ON YOUR COMMITTEES TO USE EVERY TOOL AVAILABLE INCLUDING THE SENATE'S SUBPOENA POWER AND BY EMPOWERING THE VERMONT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO HOLD AN INVESTIGATION TO ENSURE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. THANK YOU.

SO WE ARE NEXT, EXCUSE ME. WE WANT TO GET TO THE LAST WITNESSES. I NEED FOLKS TO BE QUIET ON THAT. SORRY. SO WE'RE GOING TO BE GOING TO SOME WITNESSES ON ZOOM AND WE'LL BE STARTING WITH NATALIE FAGARDO. I HOPE I WAS CLOSE IN PRONOUNCING YOUR NAME. NATALIE PROCEED.

CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY.

YES.

THIS IS NATALIA FAJARDO I WAS A CITIZEN FOR 12 YEARS. AS A COFOUNDER OF MIGRANT JUSTICE I REMEMBER 2012. A STATE TROOPER STOPPED A CALL IN THE WILLISON AREA FOR SPEEDING. WHITE DRIVER BUT THE OFFICER SAW TWO LATINO PASSENGERS, PROFILED THEM AND CALLED BORDER PATROL ON THEM. THROUGH MUCH ADVOCACY, VERMONT PASSED POLICY TO KEEP SUCH COLLUSION FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. WE DIDN'T PUSH FOR THIS POLICY JUST TO PROTECT IMMIGRANTS. WE FOUGHT FOR THIS ALSO TO GENERATE TRUST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES. SO THAT PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE OUR WITNESS CRIMES CAN FEEL OUR CALL TO THE POLICE TO RECORD IT WOULDN'T END UP IN SOMEONE'S DEPORTATION. FAST FORWARD TO 2026, AN ICE AGENT PROFILE A CAR DRIVER, WANTS TO DETAIN HIM, NEIGHBORS MOBILIZED BY THE HUNTRES AND ICE CALLS ON STATE TROOPERS FOR BACK UP. NOW THE TROOPERS BECOME A PARTY TO A CRIME. 14 YEARS OF TRYING TO BUILD TRUST BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND COPS SHATTERED IN ONE DAY. AND BY THE COMMUNITY I DON'T MEAN THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY I MEAN THE PUBLIC. ASK ANYONE WHO'S TESTIFIED TODAY WHO GOT VIOLENTLY ATTACKED OR SAW POLICE BEAT UP THEIR NEIGHBORS. SEE IF THEY'LL EVER WANT TO CALL THE COPS AGAIN. LASTLY, IF YOU THINK THIS DOESN'T APPLY TO YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE WHITE OR WERE BORN HERE OR HEY, YOU'RE NOT A TROUBLEMAKER, BE WARNED. WHAT ICE IS DOING TODAY IS CONTESTING GROUND FOR ANY AGENCY TO BE DEPLOYED AGAINST ANYONE WHO THE SYSTEM DEEMS UNDESIRABLE OR UNNECESSARY. AS MORE HOSPITALS CLOSE, RENT GOES UP AND ROBOTS REPLACE OUR JOBS, THE ABUSE OF MARCH 11th WILL BE DAILY NEWS. UNLESS YOU LEGISLATORS ACT NOW. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH NATALIE. ASHER DEBLES IS NEXT. AND AFTER THAT, REVEREND MARK HUGHES. GO AHEAD ASHER.

HI, MY NAME IS ASHER DIMOS AND I'VE BEEN A VERMONT RESIDENT FOR 20 YEARS. AND I HAVE BEEN IN THE COUNTY FOR FIVE YEARS. WE HAVE ALL -- THAT ICE IS DECEPTIVE COP AND VIOLENT AGENTS THAT -- THEY ACT WITH NO REGARD. THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC PRIORITIZE FEAR AND HARM. AND LEVEL LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT THE AGENTS COULD NOT BE -- YET LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUSTED THEIR WORD AS WELL. I CONTINUE TO HEAR THINGS, I CONTINUE TO HEAR THINGS COULD HAVE GONE A LOT WORSE THAT DAY. BUT I TELL YOU I DO NOT BELIEVE THINGS COULD HAVE GONE WORSE THAT DAY. I PUT MYSELF IN THEIR SHOES. HAVE ME IN THEIR CAR, CARRYING ME AWAY TO GOD KNOWS WHERE. COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE OVERFLOWING DETENTION CENTERS WITH STORIES OF RAPE AND DEATH. EITHER WAY, WHO NEED TO TAKE ME ACROSS STATE LINES AWAY FROM ANY LEGAL REACH THAT PROVES I HAVE A RIGHT. ALL BECAUSE OF THEIR INCOMPETENCE. I THINK THE ONLY RELIEF THAT HAD THAT DAY WAS TO KNOW THAT THEY DID NOT TAKE HER DAUGHTER AWAY. THANKS ONLY TO THE DEFENDERS. IT'S NOT A REAL MISTAKE THAT I ASHER DEMOS WAS IN THEIR SHOES AT THE TIME. I KNOW HOW THE ADMINISTRATION THINKS OF SOMEONE LIKE ME. WHAT THEY DO TO IMMIGRANTS TODAY WILL BE DONE TO TRANSGENDER PEOPLE TOMORROW. UP UNTIL NOW I BELIEVED I WAS SAFE IN VERMONT. I HAD PUT MY SAFETY IN THE HANDS OF LEADERS. THAT IT WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED IN MY HOME. IN MY BACKYARD UNTIL MARCH 11th. THAT THEY WOULD DELIVER ME TO THE HANDS OF PARAMILITARY FORCE. THEY WOULD PAT THEMSELVES IN THE BACK FOR A JOB WELL DONE AFTERWARD. SEEMS THE ONLY ANSWER WE CAN GET IS THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT ICE BUT SHAME ON THE CIVILIANS WHO TRIED TO STOP THEM. THE VOTERS HANDED YOU POWER, YOU CANNOT TELL THEM THEY'RE POWERLESS. I BET YOU TO ADDRESS THIS. WE DON'T WANT TO BE PEPPER PRAYED, WE DON'T WANT TO BE TEAR GASSED. BUT IF YOU REFUSE TO PROTECT US FROM ICE THEN WE WILL PROTECT OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER. AS WE LAY OURSELVES IN THE PATH OF THESE TERRORISTS, THE ONLY POWER WE CAN USE, WE CONSTITUENTS HAVE TO STOP THEM. WE WILL REMEMBER THAT YOU DID NOTHING TO STOP THEM.

THANK YOU ASHER. NEXT IS REVEREND MARK HUGHES AFTER THAT JUSTICE SHAPIRO.  
HELLO I'M MARK HUGHES I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

I CAN'T HEAR YOU, MARK. CAN YOU GET CLOSER TO YOUR MIC.

I WILL SEE WHAT I CAN DO. HOW IS THAT?

THAT'S BETTER, THANKS.

FANTASTIC. MY NAME IS REVEREND MARK HUGHES I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VERMONT RACIAL JUSTICE. SLAVERY CREATED THE NEED FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IN THIS COUNTRY. IT'S BECAUSE OF CIVIL RIGHTS THAT DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN POSSIBLE AT ALL. WITHOUT CIVIL RIGHTS, WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A DEMOCRACY. WHICH IS WHERE WE ARE TODAY. THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, POLICING HAS BEEN ONE OF THE PRIMARY TOOLS USED TO ENFORCE EXCLUSION THROUGH THE OVERPOLICING AND SURVEILLANCE IN CONTROL OF BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. THAT HISTORY HAS NOT SKIPPED FROM, BLACK VERMONTERS ARE STILL STOPPED MORE, TICKETED MORE, SUBJECTED TO MORE FORCE. AND THAT'S NOT AN OPINION. THAT'S A DOCUMENTED REALITY. WE'RE EXPERIENCING THE EXPANSION OF THAT ENFORCEMENT POWER RIGHT NOW. SO, WHAT HAPPENED ON MARCH 11th ON DORSEY STREET IT WASN'T JUST AN IMMIGRATION ACTION. IT WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS WARNING. BECAUSE THE SAME AGENCIES INVOLVED THAT'S THE VERMONT STATE POLICE, BURLINGTON POLICE, SOUTH BURLINGTON POLICE, THEY ALREADY OPERATE IN DEEP COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL PARTNERS. THEY TRAIN TOGETHER. THEY SHARE INTELLIGENCE. THEY CONDUCT JOINT OPERATIONS. AND I WOULD HOPE MOST OUR LEGISLATORS ALREADY KNOW THAT. AND IF YOU DON'T, YOU SHOULD. VERMONT STATE POLICE IS THE HUB, BURLINGTON IS THE PARTNER. THE FEDERAL AGENCIES, HSI, FBI, DEA, ATF, THEY'RE ALL ANCHORS. THIS IS NOT NEW. NONE OF IT. THIS IS A NEW APPLICATION OF AN EXISTING ENFORCEMENT NETWORK. AND WHEN YOU EXPAND THAT NETWORK INSIDE A SYSTEM THAT ALREADY PRODUCES RACIAL DISPARITIES YOU'RE NOT CREATING SAFETY. YOU'RE SCALING INJUSTICE. AND WE HAVE BEEN WARNING YOU. THROUGH THE RAYS OF JUSTICE MOVEMENT WE'VE BEEN CALLING EVER SINCE JULY OF 2025 FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO RETURN TO SESSION AND PASS CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS. WE'VE BEEN ASKING THE GOVERNOR, AND MAYORS TO ISSUE EXECUTIVE ORDERS. TO ESTABLISH TRANSPARENCY AND CLARITY ABOUT EXPECTATIONS AROUND POLICE INTERACTION WITH THE HOMELAND SECURITY TASK FORCE. AND THE TRANSFER OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. THOSE WARNINGS WERE CLEAR. THEY WERE PUBLIC, AND THEY WERE NOT MET WITH THE URGENCY THAT THIS MOMENT DEMANDS. NOW, THE CONSEQUENCES ARE HERE. YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MITIGATE THIS THROUGH LEGISLATION, OVERSIGHT AND APPROPRIATIONS. COMPLETE THE PASSAGE OF THE EQUAL PROTECTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. PROPOSAL FOUR AS WE'VE ASKED YOU TO. PASS S301 FOR THE LANGUAGE OF S301 CHAIR HASHIM. SO VERMONT NO LONGER HAS TO RELY ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS FUNDING AND ENFORCEMENT AS WE'VE ASKED YOU TO. PASS H361 TO ESTABLISH REAL POLICE OVERSIGHT ACROSS ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THIS STATE AS WE'VE ASKED YOU TO. BECAUSE, IF YOU FAIL TO ACT, YOU'RE NOT NEUTRAL. YOU ARE COMPLICIT. AND IN THE EXPANSION OF A SYSTEM THAT HAS ALWAYS FALLEN HARDER ON BLACK FOLKS AND BROWN FOLKS, YOU'RE COMPLICIT. SO DEMOCRACY, IT CANNOT EXIST WHERE INJUSTICE IS ENFORCED. THE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE POWER IS ALL YOURS. IT'S UP FOR YOU TO RESPOND. ITS UP FOR YOU TO ACT. FRANKLY, JUST IN CLOSING I WILL SAY YOU PUT ALL THE INGREDIENTS FOR THE CAKE IN THE OVEN. DON'T OPEN IT UP LOOKING FOR A PIE. THANK YOU. HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

THANKS, AND WITH THAT THANK YOU MARK. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND IF WE COULD TRY TO STICK TO THE TWO MINUTES REMAINING FOLKS SO WE CAN MAKE SURE WE HAVE REMAINING THEM. WE HAVE JEFF SHAPIRO AND THEN MARQUEZ ON DECK.

HI, MY NAME IS JESS I LIVE IN BURLINGTON AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON THE VIOLENCE I PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 11th. I WAS STRANGLER, I FELL UNCONSCIOUS BY A STATE TROOPER. I WAS STANDING ON THE STREET AT 6:03 FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF THE PEOPLE ON THE HOME. I WAS ON THE FRONT LINE CENTER BEFORE THE VIOLENCE WHERE THE TROOPERS BEGAN. MY ELBOWS WERE LINKED TOGETHER WITH MY HANDS LOCKED TOGETHER. AND I FELT CONFIDENT BECAUSE IT WASN'T VIOLENT. THERE WASN'T SCREAMING OBSCENITIES I WAS JUST STANDING MY GROUND THAT I WOULD BE SAFE FROM ASSAULT. THE STATE TROOPERS

WERE IN FRONT OF US WAITING AND THEY WERE STARTING TO PUSH IN A V FORMATION. THE STATE TROOPER THAT WAS IN FRONT OF ME STARTED TO TRY TO PRY APART MY FINGER. HE TOLD ME HE WAS SORRY BUT HE WAS GOING TO BREAK MY FINGER. I TOLD HIM THAT MY STRENGTH WAS BETTER THAN HIM. HE WASN'T MAKING ANY PROGRESS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER I SAID THIS, SEEMING THE STATEMENT FOR THE DRAMATIC ESCALATION, HE THEN PUSHED MY LEFT SHOULDER DOWN, PULLED ME INTO HIM AND SQUEEZED UNTIL I BEGAN TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS. MY VISION FAILED AND I STARTED TO -- UNABLE TO BREATHE WHERE NURSES ATTENDED ME. THE NURSE REPORTED THAT SHE HAD UNZIPPED MY JACKET THAT HAD BEEN BEEN PUSHED UP AGAINST ME. SHE SAID THERE WERE FINGER SIZED LINES ON THE SIDE OF MY NECK AND I WAS UNABLE TO BREATHE FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF SECOND. WHEN I WAS ABLE TO BREATHE AGAIN I WAS GRASPING. SHE SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT SOMEONE'S FINGERS WERE CHOKING ME. THE NEXT DAY I HAD BRUISES ON THE SIDE OF MY NECK AND ON MY JAW. THIS ALL HAPPENED WITHIN MINUTES OF THE STATE TROOPERS INTO THE CROWD IT WAS REPORTED THAT MY ASSAULT SERVE SERVED AS A CATALYST. AS IF SEEING THEIR COLLEAGUES PARTICIPATING IN THE ASSAULT GAVE THEM SIMILAR PERMISSION TO A FREE FOR ALL. I'M CALLING FOR ALL BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE FROM THE STATE TO BE RELEASED. I WANT THERE TO BE ACCOUNTABILITY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JESS. SO JILL MARTIN DIAZ AND THEN ELLIOT HUNGERBERG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I'M AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY AND SUPERVISOR OF VERMONT ASYLUM ASSISTANCE JUSTICE. WE'RE A STATE PROVIDER AND I LIVE IN BURLINGTON. MY PRONOUNS ARE THEY THEM. AND I'M PROUD TO BE ABLE TO SAY THIS ON TRANSGENDER DAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE OVER OUR TIME. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYONE FOR SHARING SO GENEROUSLY OF YOURSELVES. I JUST WANTED TO GIVE VOICE TO A FEW ADDITIONAL CALLS TO ACTION FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. AS AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY. WHEN YOU HEAR FROM CHRISTIAN ABOUT HIS OWN EXPERIENCE, WHEN WE NOTE THAT JOANNA AND CAMILLA ARE FREE ALONG WITH CHRISTIAN AT THIS TIME. WE MUST ALSO NOTE THAT TWO FACTS. ONE, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WOULD NOT BE FREE TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES, BUT FOR ACCESS TO THE LEGAL SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE THAT THESE COMMITTEES HAVE AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE. AND TO HELP FUND AND SUSTAIN. AND SECONDLY, LEGAL INTERVENTIONS ARE NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE FRONT LINE RAPID RESPONSE ACCOMPANIMENT AND WITNESSING WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. LEGAL WORK DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THE MOMENT, IT HAPPENS AFTERWARD IN THE COURTS. THE DISTRICT COURT OF VERMONT HAS ALREADY MADE FINDINGS OF FACT IN ALL THREE OF THE CASES OF CAMILA, CHRISTIAN AND JOANNA THAT THE DETENTIONS THAT TOOK PLACE WERE ILLEGAL AND WE ENCOURAGE THIS COMMITTEE TO DEFER TO FEDERAL COURT FINDINGS OF FACT IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN INVESTIGATION IN DRAWING CONCLUSIONS ABOUT WHAT OCCURRED. AND WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE NEW BILLS, THE RIGHTS ENSHRINED IN S208, 209 AND 227 AND 809 BUT TO ALSO ENSURE THERE'S LEGAL COUNSEL AVAILABLE TO ENFORCE ALL OF THESE NEW RIGHTS WHEN THEY ARE BROKEN AND WE NEED REMEDIES. THERE ARE NO RIGHTS WITHOUT REMEDIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ELLIOT HUNGERFORD AND THEN KEITH HELLER.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

YES, WE CAN.

THE POLICE CONTINUED TO SAY THAT THEIR STRATEGY ON MARCH 11th AND THEIR STRATEGY MOVING FORWARD IS TO STAND BETWEEN ICE AND PROTESTERS TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE. WHAT THE POLICE ARE OF COURSE REFERENCING ARE THE MURDERS OF RENE GOOD BY ICE. LET US NOT FORGET THE OTHER VIOLENCE THAT HAS HAPPENED IN MINNESOTA. THE MURDERS OF CASTILLE WERE ALL MURDERED BY THE POLICE. LIKE ICE POLICE KILL PEOPLE TOO. CONTRARY TO WHAT THE POLICE WERE SAYING THEY WERE NOT THERE ON MARCH 11th TO PROTECT PROTESTERS. THE POLICE IS TO ALLOW THE KIDNAPPING OF THREE OF OUR NEIGHBORS. EVERY TIME THE POLICE MENTION THE STRATEGY WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT IN PRACTICE THIS ISN'T ONLY A CLEAR ENABLING OF ICE BUT IT'S DOING THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR THEM. PROTECTING PROTESTERS ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE WAS DOZENS OF STATE POLICE OFFICERS STANDING WITH COUNTLESS DOLLARS OF WEAPONS AND MILITARY GEAR AND BACKS TO ICE. AS I

STOOD ARM IN ARM WITH OUR NEIGHBORS, MULTIPLE OFFICERS GRABBED ME BY MY NECK AND START TO RIP MY CLOTHING ALONG WITH AN EARRING ON MY RIGHT EAR. SHORTLY AFTER AN ICE AGENT PULLED ME OUT OF THE CROWD AND PEPPER SPRAYED ME. THE AGENT WHO WAS TAUNTING ME, RAN AND SAID, HE ASSAULTED AN OFFICER, HE KICKED HIM IN THE BALLS. THEN THEY SAID, LET'S ARREST HIM. THEY REMOVED THE REST OF MY CLOTHING IN MY UPPER BODY AND NEARLY RIPPED MY PANTS OFF ENTIRELY. EITHER TO THE OPTICS, FRIENDLY FIRE PEPPER SPRAY OR AWARENESS THAT AN ICE AGENT WAS LYING, FRISCO ORDERED THEM TO LET ME GO. I SAW VIOLENCE ALL AROUND ME, DIRECTED AT WOMEN, TRANSGENDERS. IT IS A TOXIC PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT. THEY GASLIGHT US IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THEIR VIOLENT ACTIONS AND THE SIPHONING OF RESOURCES FROM OUR COMMUNITIES. PUBLIC SAFETY IS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY, NOT THE POLICE. THIS WAS CLEAR ON MARCH 11th. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. SO, WE NEXT HAVE KEITH BRUNNER AND ADDISON TATE.

HI EVERYONE MY NAME IS KEITH BRUNNER I'M A PARENT OF TWO. I LIVE IN BURLINGTON AND I WAS THERE ON MARCH 11th FROM AROUND 9:30 IN THE MORNING UNTIL 7:00 P.M. PRETTY MUCH THE ENTIRE DAY. I FULLY AFFIRM WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SAID IN TERMS OF THE HORRORS THAT THEY FACED. I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES AND THIS IS PRETTY UNDER STATED TESTIMONY WHAT I PREPARED FOR TONIGHT. I SAW A MASKED STATE POLICE WEARING TACTICAL GEAR ARRIVING IN FORMATION, AND ADVANCING ON US. I SAW THEM, PHYSICALLY PUSHING, GRABBING AND THROWING PEOPLE IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ENFORCE A CORRIDOR FOR ICE AGENTS TO BREAK DOWN THE DOOR AND EXTRACT PEOPLE WHO WERE INSIDE. AND I SAW STATE AND LOCAL POLICE USING VIOLENT FORCE TO CLEAR PEOPLE AROUND ME WHO WERE IN THE STREET PREVENTING ICE FROM GETTING AWAY WITH OUR KIDNAPPED NEIGHBORS. SO WHO DO WE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS. IT WAS A CLEAR VIOLATION FROM POLICING POLICY TO PREVENT EXACTLY THIS TYPE OF SITUATION FROM OCCURRING. VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES USED FORCE AGAINST VERMONT RESIDENTS TO FACILITATE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IN TERRORIZING OUR COMMUNITIES AND I THINK THAT GETS TO A DEEPER POINT, THE PURPOSE OF ICE OPERATIONS ARE TO TERRIFY PEOPLE INTO ACCEPTING THE POLICIES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. TODAY THEY'RE GOING AFTER IMMIGRANTS, OUR TRANSFAMILIES, THOSE OF US WHO ARE UNHOUSED. TOMORROW IT'LL BE UNION LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, LIBRARIANS, REGISTERED NURSES, YOU NAME IT. ON MARCH 11th OUR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CHOSE TO STAND WITH THESE TUGS AGAINST THE COMMUNITY THEY'RE SWORN TO PROTECT AND SERVE. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT CAME BEFORE THESE COMMITTEES AND CHOSE TO COMPLETELY EVADE RESPONSIBILITY AND BLAME PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO JUST SPOKE FOR THE EVENTS OF MARCH 11th. BUT WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED. WE KNOW THAT IT TAKES CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT TO HOLD LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND IT TAKES SOCIAL MOVEMENTS LIKE US. THIS IS YOUR JOB TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE. I APPRECIATE YOU HOLDING THIS PUBLIC HEARING. I WOULD URGE COMMITTEE MEMBERING TO USE YOUR AUTHORITY AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THIS NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. WE NEED YOU TO HAVE OUR BACK. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, VERY MUCH. SO WE HAVE ABOUT FIVE MORE WITNESSES. ADYSSON TATE, ZAB.

HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME ALL RIGHT.

YES, WE CAN. GOOD EVENING MY NAME IS ADYSSON. THANK YOU FOR THE COMMUNITY FOR BEING HERE AND TO THE LEGISLATORS FOR HEARING US. ESPECIALLY TO AT LEAST ONE OF YOU WHO I KNOW WAS THERE WITH US ON MARCH 11th. SPOKE ABOUT IT IN WAYS -- I WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT THE EVENTS OF MARCH 11th TO MOMENTS IN U.S. HISTORY. THE FIRST IS 1700S VIRGINIA. THE ORIGINS OF MODERN POLICING IS ROOTED IN THE SLAVE PATROLS. TO CAPTURE PEOPLE IN SLAVERY TO PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THEY OWNED THEM. MARCH 11, 2026 VERMONT. ICE AGENTS TRAP PEOPLE INSIDE A HOUSE. COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHER TO PROTECT THOSE IN THE HOUSE. VERMONT LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVE IN RIOT GEAR, FORMING A TUNNEL FOR ICE TO GET IN THE HOME. ICE AND THE POLICE USE EXCESSIVE FORCE TO PRODUCE DESIRED BEHAVIOR. THE NEXT EVENT IS MARCH 29, BUT IN 2022. DETENTION OF 120,000 JAPANESE AMERICAN RESIDENTS

ON THE WEST INTO INTERNMENT CAMPS WHERE THEY STAYED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. AS OF FEBRUARY 2026, THERE ARE OVER 68,000 PEOPLE CURRENTLY HELD IN ICE DETENTION CENTERS. 68,000 PEOPLE. THIS YEAR THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN 13 DEATHS IN THESE CENTERS. 95% OF THEM HAVE BEEN DEEMED PREVENTABLE. THERE'S ALSO INDIGENOUS COLONIZATION. QUEER RIGHTS. PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR ROLE IN THIS HISTORY. PLEASE CONSIDER THE ROLE OF VERMONT LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE POLICE VIOLENCE WAS WIDESPREAD THAT DAY AND INHERENT TO THE WAY VERMONT POLICE OPERATE. YES PLEASE CONTINUE THE ONE INVESTIGATION INTO OFFICER GONZALEZ BUT DO NOT SPEAK OF HIM AS ONE BAD APPLE TO LED OFF THE REST OF THE POLICE. TO RELAY A LINE FROM -- ISN'T THE FULL VERSION OF THE SAYING ONE BAD APPLE SPOILS THE BUNCH. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. TOM BIA NCA PROCTOR AND WALTERS IS ON DECK.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

SO TOM IF YOU CAN JUST MOVE CLOSER. WE COULDN'T HEAR YOU VERY WELL.

DO YOU HEAR ME NOW?

YES, THAT'S GOOD.

HELLO MY NAME IS TOM PROCTOR. I'M A RESIDENT OF BURLINGTON ON MARCH 11th I JOINED HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DEFEND OUR NEIGHBORS. STATE AND LOCAL POLICE DID NOT PROTECT THE COMMUNITY. THEY PROTECTED ICE AGENTS. THANKS TO THEIR FACE MASKS AND LACK OF IDENTIFICATION STATE POLICE AND ICE AGENTS WERE NEARLY INDISTINGUISHABLE. IT WAS NOT -- I AM NOT ABLE TO SAY IF IT WAS A POLICE OR ICE AGENT THAT SHOVED MY SISTER-IN-LAW TO THE GROUND. SHORTLY AFTER THAT I WAS ASSAULTED BY A MEMBER OF PD. I WAS WALKING BACK. NO VIOLENCE. DESPITE THIS OFFICERS SPRAYED ME DIRECTLY IN THE EYE. I'VE NEEDED MEDICAL CARE FOR CONTINUAL EYE DISCOMFORT AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO WEAR THIS EYE PATCH. YOU HEARD THE SITUATION THEY ESCALATED FURTHER. IF WE RELY ON HYPOTHETICALS, WE CAN CONSIDER OTHER. FEDERAL AGENTS ACT WITH VIOLENCE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FAILED TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY. PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO PROTECT THEIR NEIGHBORS EVERYONE AT THE RISK OF THEIR OWN SAFETY. THE LINE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE DEFLECTING RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THIS DEBACLE. AS LAWMAKERS YOU HAVE POWER. YOU DIRECT OR ENFORCEMENT TO STAND WITH THE MATTERS AND PROTECT THEM FROM HARM YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR THAT DECISION. AS AN ACT OF COURAGE AND PRINCIPLE. I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER ACCOUNTABILITY FOR VERMONTERS, INCLUDING VERMONT ICE AGENTS SUCH AS RILEY AND HIS COLLEAGUES. PASS LEGISLATION FOR FUTURE -- EMPLOYMENT. THERE MUST BE CONSEQUENCES. SUCH ACTIONS BREACH PUBLIC TRUST. AND FOR OFFICERS THEY SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW. THERE MUST BE A CLEAR STANDARD. VIOLENCE AGAINST PEACEFUL VERMONTERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

I BELIEVE THE LAST PERSON WE HAVE ON ZOOM, I'M DOUBLE CHECKED TO MAKE SURE THE OTHER PEOPLE ARE. MILO RANT, PLEASE. IS UP.

THANK YOU, FOR CREATING THIS SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. MY NAME IS MILO GRANT. I HAVE LIVED IN VERMONT FOR 40 PLUS YEARS. SERVED IN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ON A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW POLICING POLICIES. I SERVED IN BURLINGTON ON THE POLICE COMMISSION. I AM CURRENTLY IN MY SECOND TERM AS A CITY COUNSELOR. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A FAILURE. A FAILURE TO FOLLOW UP WITH OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND POLICING ACROSS OUR STATE. WE STILL DO NOT ADEQUATELY TRAIN OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL. WE KNOW THAT IT HAS BEEN SAID AT NAUSEAM INCLUDING BY LEADERSHIP IN OUR AGENCIES, SOUTH BURLINGTON POLICE, BURLINGTON POLICE, VERMONT STATE POLICE AND THE GOVERNOR THAT I.C.E. IS RECKLESS, INCOMPETENT. THEY DID SOMETHING UNNECESSARY. WE SEE THEM ACROSS THE COUNTRY DOING UNLAWFUL, UNLAWFUL. THE RULE OF LAW MEANS NOTHING. THE CONSTITUTION MEANS NOTHING. WE KNEW ALL OF THIS YET OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS, WERE NOT PREPARED. I AM STUNNED THAT WITHOUT DOING A PROPER REVIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED, THEY ARE ALL SAYING, THAT THE FAIRNESS AND IMPARTIAL POLICING POLICY WAS NOT VIOLATED. THAT IS STUNNING. THE BASIC FACT THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE DETAINED BY ICE AND THEY WERE NOT LISTED ON THE CRIMINAL WARRANT, THE FACT THAT NO

ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO PEACEFULLY GO INTO THE HOME, IDENTIFY WHO WAS IN THE HOME. ALLOW ANYONE NOT LISTED ON THE WARRANT TO LEAVE. IS A FAILURE. THIS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM IF THEY WERE WHITE. AND WE REALLY HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE TO LOOK ABOUT THAT. NO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHOULD BE SAYING THAT THERE WASN'T A VIOLATION. WE KEEP HEARING WE CAN'T CONTROL ICE'S BEHAVIOR. BUT WE CAN CONTROL THE BEHAVIOR OF OUR OWN AGENCIES. THERE NEEDS TO BE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THAT. SIMILAR TO 2020 WHEN WE HAD A RECKONING OVER THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD, VERMONT, THIS IS OUR RECKONING. TRUST IN OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS BEEN GRAVELY AFFECTED. THEY STOOD WITH ICE. THEY ASSISTED ICE. AND FOR THEM TO DENY THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE KIMBERLY OLSON WALTERS. IS SHE HERE? I DON'T SEE. OR LEE TORONTA. LEE, TAKE US HOME. THANK YOU.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

YES, THANK YOU.

THANKS. MY NAME IS LEIF AND I'M A PROFESSIONAL DEESCALATION AND NONVIOLENCE TRAINING. I WAS THERE ON MARCH 11th AND I'M ALSO PART OF THE INVESTIGATION THAT HAS GONE THROUGH HOURS OF VIDEO. YOU HAVE RESTRICTED THIS EVIDENCE AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME OF WHAT WE HAVE WE HAVE BROUGHT A PROJECTOR AND WE HAVE A SLIDE SHOW OUTSIDE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT IT. WITH THE LITTLE TIME I HAVE I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE IDEA THAT POLICE WERE THERE TO PROTECT US AND THAT THEY FOLLOWED THEIR OWN LAWS AND POLICIES. THIS IS A LIE. VERMONT STATE POLICE, BPD AND SBPD COLLABORATED WITH ICE WITH IN A CIVIL IMMIGRATION RAID WHO'S ORIGIN HAS BEEN ADMITTED BY ICE AS A CLEAR CUT CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. VERMONT POLICE TACTICAL TEAM STAGED WITH ICE, THREATENED CIVILIANS WITH USE OF FORCE AND ACTION HOURS TO THE HOURS. STATE AND LOCAL POLICE HELPED ICE AGENTS ENTER AND LEAVE THE HOUSE WITH THREE DETAINEES WHO THEY DID NOT HAVE A VALID WARRANT FOR. WHO ICE TRIED TO TRAFFIC ACROSS STATE LINES AND WHO WAS RULED BY A COURT ILLEGAL. IF THEY WERE THERE TO PROTECT, WHY DID THEY -- ATTACKS AGAINST THE CROWD. WHY DID LOCAL POLICE ASSIST ICE. IS A FORCED POLICY REQUIRES OFFICERS WHO WITNESS EXCESSIVE FORCE TO STOP IT, THEY DIDN'T. INSTEAD BFT OFFICERS USED STRANGULATION AND CORRODED REMOVAL. IT IS NOT HARD TO NOT ATTACK INNOCENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IT IS NOT HARD TO KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OF SOMEONE'S THROAT. IT'S ALSO NOT HARD TO STAND UP TO ICE. I KNOW IT BECAUSE I'VE DONE IT AND I'VE SEEN PEOPLE DO IT. THEY WERE DOING IT ALL DAY ON THE 11th. WITHOUT WEAPONS, WITHOUT PROTECTIVE VESTS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED TO STOP ICE IS TO SAY NO. HAVE JUST A SHRED OF COURAGE AND TO CARE JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS NOT A HARD CHOICE.

SURROUNDING THAT HOUSE AS MORE AND MORE AGENTS SHOWED UP WITH ASSAULT RIFLES AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS I KNEW THAT PEOPLE COULD DIE AND THERE WERE CHILDREN INSIDE. EVERY SINGLE OFFICER AND EVERY SINGLE ELECTED OFFICIAL IS MAY RECOLLECTING THAT SAME CHOICE RIGHT NOW AND SO FAR YOU ARE CHOOSING THE WRONG SIDE -- OFFICIAL IS MAKING THAT SAME CHOICE RIGHT NOW AND SO FAR YOU ARE CHOOSING THE WRONG SIDE. PLEASE LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT YOU HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE YOUR MINDS.

THANK YOU, AND IF YOU PUT, LIEF, IF YOU COULD PROVIDE A LINK SEND A LINK TO THE VIDEOS THAT YOU MENTIONED TO THE COMMITTEE ASSISTANCE. APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY WHO CAME OUT TONIGHT. REALLY APPRECIATE HEARING FROM FOLKS. REALLY APPRECIATE IT AND WE'RE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU. [Event Concluded]