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**Chair Van Drew, Chair Jordan, Ranking Member Crockett,  
Ranking Member Raskin and distinguished Members of the  
Subcommittee;**

**My name is Antonio Romanucci and I am a national civil rights attorney with the deep honor of representing the family of Renee Good for her tragic death by a federal agent in Minneapolis. I also represent U.S. citizens whose constitutional rights were violated by federal agents in Chicago.**

**First, please let me express my deepest respect to my co-panelists and mothers who have suffered unthinkable loss and inexcusable tragedy. As someone who represents victims of violent crime, I know that the second tragedy too often is that justice is elusive.**

**We share your concern that America needs common sense immigration reform, and that “worst of the worst” criminals without documentation should unquestionably be removed.**

**And I believe we can agree that lawmakers have failed to enact public safety initiatives on immigration thus far.**

**However, marching thousands of masked agents into communities, rounding up Black and Brown people, terrorizing them, while creating collateral damage of death and catastrophic harm to American citizens is not the answer.**

**All Americans should feel safe in their own cities. And all American cities should be sanctuaries where citizens are free from harm by their own government.**

**No American citizen should suffer at the hands of someone who swore a duty to our Constitution. This is devastating to our Republic. It must stop and never resume. Those who have taken part need to be held accountable.**

**Allow me to give insight into the American mother of three, Renee Good, killed while squarely protected by the First Amendment. Let me share some words by her brothers who spoke to your fellow Members of Congress on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**I Quote... “The deep distress our family feels because of Renee’s loss is complicated by feelings of disbelief and desperation for change. Our family took some consolation thinking that perhaps Renee’s death would bring change in our country. It has not. These encounters with federal agents are changing many lives, including ours, forever. The most important thing we can do is help our country understand what a beautiful American we have lost. A sister, daughter, mother, partner and friend.” ... End Quote.**

**This distress is also felt by Alex Pretti’s family. By Marimar Martinez in Chicago, shot five times by a federal agent while bringing a donation to church. By elected official Juan Munoz violently detained and used as a prop for a DHS propaganda video. By children separated from their parents and shipped to detention centers in another state. Family after family. City after city.**

**The harms by our own government in American cities are staggering:**

- Needless injury and death by masked agents undermining trust in all law enforcement.**
- Violations of freedom of speech and Fourth Amendment freedom from unlawful search and seizure.**
- False statements of absolute immunity for agents, and false narratives about victims. Our leaders must be held to a standard of truth in their speech.**
- Failure to properly investigate claims of police misconduct.**

**I ask... What are we doing? What is the end game?**

**The “worst of the worst” mission failed and wreaked havoc on American citizens. We saw it with our own eyes.**

**What is not widely understood is that Renee’s loved ones cannot pursue justice against a federal officer the same way as if a state or local officer had fired those shots. Federal officers should not receive a special pass on accountability.**

**The Civil Rights Act contains U.S. Section 1983 which guides this process – and it is not a level playing field for all.**

**The only option, the Federal Tort Claims Act or FTCA, demands you ask the federal government for permission to file a lawsuit, and then only provides a trial before a judge, not a jury of a person’s peers, in defiance of the Seventh Amendment.**

**I urge Congress to act and amend Section 1983 or the FTCA to ensure all people have the right to jury trial and accountability.**

**In conclusion, I truly respect the mothers here today. Their pain is real, their anger is understandable... and very much the same**

**feelings of the family of Renee Good and others harmed by federal agents.**

**We all want safety. We all want peace. We all insist criminal violence of all kinds be addressed. End the destructive practices of ICE. Create common-sense immigration policies and accountability for ICE, and demand full compliance to the Constitution of the United States.**

**Thank you.**