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Madam mayor and commissioners,

I again want to thank you all for taking steps to protect and defend our community and businesses at the June 30th meeting. Many of us have been directly affected by the abductions of hard working colleagues and community members. We know the families that have been terrorized. While some of the folks that have been deported may have criminal backgrounds, most do not and a lot of them have papers to be here legally, but are picked up nonetheless.

I am writing to urge you to postpone the resolution to re-enter into the "voluntary" 287 (g) "agreement" and to vote yes on the two resolutions sponsored by Commissioner Kaufman.

This resolution to sign the state mandated dictate with ICE is hasty and should be postponed. The Attorney General is currently in court defending his interpretation of the law and how it applies to municipalities and our city should take no action until the outcome of that lawsuit is clear. To do so is to cede crucial legal ground to a state that routinely attacks and violates the principle of home rule. Furthermore, we should seek a declaratory judgment and perhaps investigate joining the South Miami lawsuit or filing an amicus brief.

I would also urge the city to pass the resolution in support of continued TPS status for the Haitian community. The situation in Haiti has not improved to a stable condition and to arbitrarily end TPS would be to send people unnecessarily into harm's way. Below I will link to several articles about the situation in Haiti.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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