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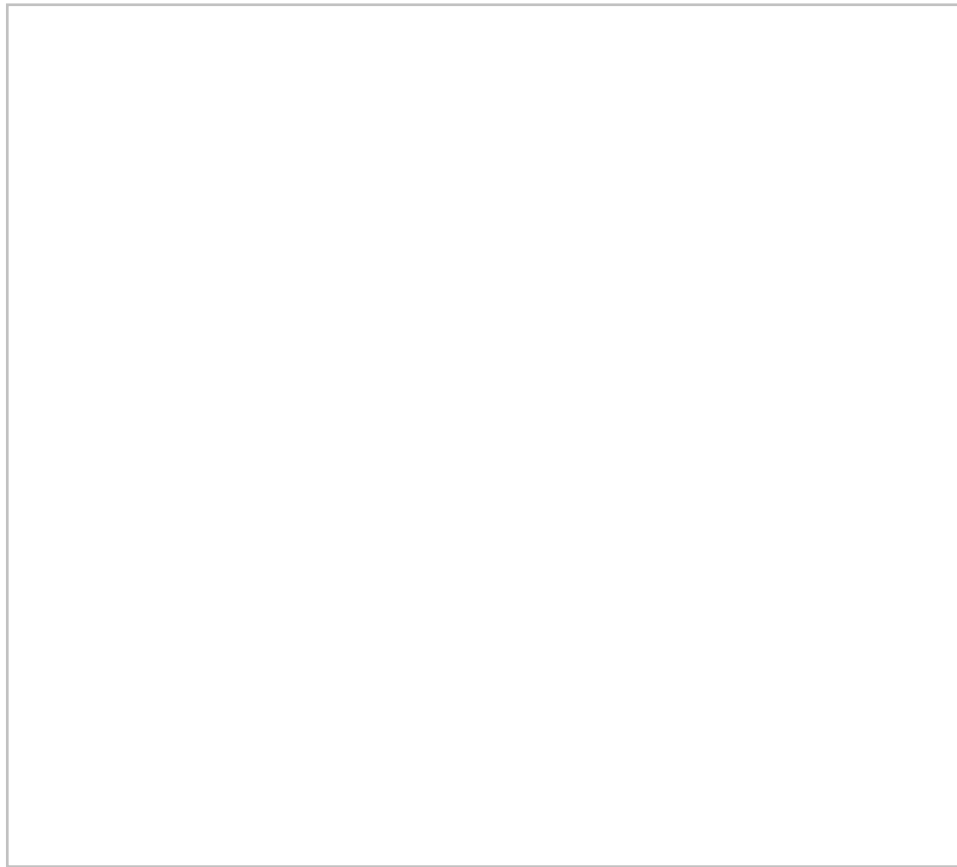
Attorney General,

Yesterday, President Donald J. Trump honored the heroes who enforce our immigration laws and secure our borders. Below you will find additional information.

- **ICYMI** | Letter from President Donald J. Trump to State and Local Leaders Regarding the Brave Men and Women of ICE and CBP (see attachment)

*On behalf of President Trump, please find the attached letter and call to action highlighting the important work that the men and women of ICE and CBP do each day to enforce our Nation's laws and to protect our communities. Thank you in advance for your support of the men and women of ICE and CBP.*

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## **Factsheet | President Donald J. Trump Stands with the Brave Heroes Who Enforce Our Immigration Laws and Secure Our Borders**

*“Without the brave heroes of ICE, we would have no enforcement, no laws, no borders and therefore – we wouldn’t even have a country.” – President Donald J. Trump*

### **STANDING WITH ICE AND CBP: President Donald J. Trump resolutely supports the brave heroes of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP).**

- President Trump is holding an event today to salute the brave heroes of ICE and CBP.
- President Trump has made clear that he will stand with these men and women and oppose any effort to undermine the work they do to enforce our laws and secure our borders.
- Calls to abolish ICE are a grave betrayal of these law enforcement officers and the noble sacrifices they make to uphold our laws, secure our borders, and protect our safety.

### **ENFORCING OUR LAWS AND SECURING OUR BORDERS: ICE and CBP work tirelessly to uphold the rule of law by enforcing our immigration laws and securing our borders.**

- ICE and CBP are responsible for enforcing our immigration laws and securing our borders, without which we would have no borders, no nation, and utter anarchy.
- Abolishing ICE would effectively open our borders and nullify our immigration laws, as even those apprehended for illegally crossing our border could not be removed.

- Without ICE, anyone who illegally crosses our border, is released from detention, or overstays their visa would be able to remain in the United States indefinitely without removal.
  - ICE removed 226,119 illegal aliens during fiscal year (FY) 2017.
  - ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) made 143,470 administrative arrests in FY 2017.
  - There were nearly 629,000 visa overstays in the United States in FY 2016.

**PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES: ICE and CBP help prevent criminal illegal aliens, gang members, and deadly drugs from being able to flood into and remain in our communities.**

- ICE and CBP play a vital role in protecting our safety by combatting the flow of criminal aliens, gang members, and deadly drugs across our borders and into our communities.
- Abolishing ICE would endanger the safety of all Americans and prevent the removal of criminal aliens, including members of the murderous, bloodthirsty MS-13 gang.
  - ICE-Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) made 4,818 gang arrests in FY 2017, including nearly 800 arrests related to MS-13.
  - In FY 2017, ICE ERO removed 5,396 suspected gang members from the United States.
- In FY 2017, ICE ERO arrested more than 127,000 criminal aliens, who were responsible for:
  - More than 76,000 dangerous drug offenses;
  - More than 48,000 assault offenses;
  - More than 5,000 sexual assault offenses;
  - More than 1,800 homicide offenses.
- ICE HSI made 11,691 narcotics-related arrests and seized 981,586 pounds of narcotics in FY 2017.
  - ICE HSI is at the forefront of the war on opioids, seizing 2,370 pounds of fentanyl and 6,967 pounds of heroin in FY 2017.
- Those calling to abolish ICE should justify their position to the 518 human trafficking victims and 904 child exploitation victims rescued or identified by ICE HSI in FY 2017 alone.



## **Department of Homeland Security – The Life Saving Missions of ICE**

**Bottom Line:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) mission is to protect America from cross-border crime and illegal immigration that threaten national security and public safety. This mission is executed through the enforcement of more than 400 federal statutes and focuses on effective immigration enforcement, preventing terrorism and combating the illegal movement of people and goods.

**First, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) upholds America's immigration laws at, within and beyond our borders through efficient enforcement and removal operations. ERO enforces the nation's immigration laws in a fair and effective manner. It identifies and apprehends removable aliens, detains these individuals when necessary and removes aliens from the United States in accordance with law.**

- Since ICE the establishment of ICE in March 2003, the agency has removed hundreds of thousands of criminal aliens, some of whom fall under the category of high-profile removals. High-profile removals are not only a danger to communities, but they also pose a threat to ERO officers who are responsible for escorting them back to their home countries.
- During fiscal year FY 2017, ERO administratively arrested more than 127,000 aliens with criminal convictions or pending criminal charges.
- Aliens administratively arrested by ICE ERO in FY 2017 were responsible for the following criminal convictions or pending criminal charges:
  - More than 48,000 assault offenses
  - More than 11,000 weapon offenses
  - More than 5,000 sexual assault offenses
  - More than 2,000 kidnapping offenses
  - More than 1,800 homicide offenses.
- Despite numerous stories and allegations in the media falsely accusing ICE of conducting indiscriminate raids and sweeps, the fact is that all ERO operations are targeted against specific offenders of which 92% of the total aliens administratively arrested in FY 2017 had either criminal convictions, pending criminal charges, were an immigration fugitive, or illegally re-entered the United States after being previously removed.

**Second, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security and is a vital U.S. asset in combating criminal organizations illegally exploiting America's travel, trade, financial and immigration systems within and beyond our borders.**

- HSI special agents are criminal investigators who enforce provisions of over 400 federal statutes. HSI's workforce includes special agents, analysts, auditors and support staff. Its men and women are assigned to cities throughout the United States and to offices around the world.
- HSI's International Operations is the department's largest investigative presence abroad and gives HSI one of the largest international footprints in U.S. law enforcement. This includes a network of approximately 400 personnel, including over 180 special agents deployed to 67 attache offices in 50 countries, who conduct investigations against transnational criminal

organizations, terrorist, and other criminal organizations that threaten our national security.

- HSI operations in FY2017 demonstrate its vital public safety mission.
  - In 2017, HSI continued its fight to combat transnational gangs, making 4,818 criminal arrests in the fiscal year. Of that number, there were 809 MS-13 arrests, 567 of which were criminal and 242 administrative.
  - ICE identified and assisted 518 human trafficking victims and more than 904 child exploitation victims.
  - ICE is also on the front lines of the fight against illegal narcotics trafficking that is contributing to the country's deadly opioid epidemic. Special agents seized almost a million pounds of narcotics, including almost 7,000 pounds of heroin and more than 2,300 pounds of fentanyl, a drug so deadly, just a few grams can be lethal.

**Third, ICE's legal office, the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), protects the homeland by diligently litigating cases while adhering to the highest standards of professional conduct, providing timely and accurate legal advice, and optimizing resources to advance the Department of Homeland Security mission.**

- OPLA serves as the Department's exclusive representative in administrative immigration proceedings before the nation's immigration courts, handling a docket of well over 700,000 cases while they fight to keep terrorists, human rights violators, and other dangerous aliens in custody and get them ordered removed from the United States.
  - OPLA's active national security caseload totals over 2,800.
  - OPLA's active human rights violator caseload totals over 1,700.
  - OPLA has secured over 100,000 removal orders so far this fiscal year, including over 33,000 in cases involving criminal aliens.
- OPLA provides daily advice and counsel to ICE's law enforcement officers and mission support professionals on issues ranging from administrative and fiscal law to customs and criminal law, helping to ensure that the agency acts within the bounds of the law.
- OPLA also acts as an indispensable partner to the Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys who prosecute trans-border crime and who defend ICE's authorities in federal court from a constant onslaught of complex class action litigation designed to undermine our nation's safety and sovereignty.
  - This OPLA-DOJ coordination was recently exemplified in the successful prosecution of Jucontee Woewiyu, a Liberian war criminal responsible for mass murder, rape, and child soldier recruitment during that country's civil war, who was convicted last month in federal district court for immigration fraud based on evidence and witnesses that OPLA was instrumental in developing.
  - OPLA also partners with DOJ through a robust Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) program, with OPLA's SAUSAs prosecuting over 2,300 federal criminal cases so far this fiscal year and securing over 1,700 convictions for a wide-range of border-related crime.

**Fourth, ICE plays a central role in preventing terrorism.**

- ICE is involved in almost every foreign terrorism investigation related to cross-border crime. Foreign terrorists need to move money, weapons and people across international borders to conduct their operations, and ICE holds a unique set of law enforcement tools for disrupting these illicit activities.

- ICE is the largest federal contributor to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). The agency also plays a critical leadership role through active participation in each of the JTTFs nationwide.
- ICE is also leading the way with a successful joint task force model is the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST) initiative. BEST teams are ICE-led, multi-agency task forces that target illicit movement of people and contraband through border areas.
  - There are 62 BEST teams on the U.S.-Canada border and U.S.-Mexico border. Canadian and Mexican (multiagency) law enforcement partners work directly with DHS and other U.S. counterparts on investigative and interdiction missions.

**Finally, ICE promotes homeland security and public safety.**

ICE enforces over 400 federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration to promote homeland security and public safety. With more than 20,000 employees and more than 400 offices across the United States and in 50 foreign countries, the men and women of ICE execute our mission humanely, professionally, and in accordance with the law.



**Department of Homeland Security – The Life Saving Missions of CBP**

**Bottom Line:** With more than 60,000 employees, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is one of the world's largest law enforcement organizations and is charged with securing our borders while facilitating lawful international travel and trade. As the United States' first unified border entity, CBP takes a comprehensive approach to border management and control, combining customs, immigration, border security, and agricultural protection into one coordinated and supportive activity.

**First, CBP is responsible for securing approximately 7,000 miles of land border, 95,000 miles of shoreline, 328 ports of entry, and the associated air and maritime space from the illegal entry of**

**people and contraband into the United States. The border environment in which CBP works is dynamic and requires continual adaptation to respond to emerging threats and changing conditions.**

- To enhance CBP's capability in southwest border sectors, the Department of Defense (DOD), in conjunction with border state governors, has deployed the National Guard to assist in stopping the flow of deadly drugs and other contraband, gang members and other criminals, and illegal aliens into this country.
  - There are currently 2,212 Department of Defense personnel supporting the mission to secure the Southwest border.
  - The Deployment of the National Guard has contributed to:
    - Removable alien arrests – 14,644
    - Marijuana Seized (lbs) – 14,243
    - Cocaine Seized (lbs) – 17
- CBP hosts monthly briefings/teleconferences with federal, state, and local partners regarding the current state of the border – both northern and southern– to monitor emerging trends and threats and provide a cross-component, multi-agency venue for discussing trends and threats.
- CBP is building more border wall right now than has been funded in a decade.
  - El Centro Pedestrian Fence Replacement Project (2.25 miles):
    - More than 2 miles already built with construction on schedule for completion in October 2018.
  - El Paso Vehicle Barrier Replacement Project (20 miles):
    - Nearly 13 miles of new wall already built with construction on schedule for completion in March 2019.
  - San Diego Primary Pedestrian Fence Replacement Project (14 miles):
    - More than 4 miles already built with construction on schedule for completion in May 2019.
  - El Paso Pedestrian Fence Replacement Project (4 miles):
    - Construction remains on track to start in September.
- On a typical day in 2017 CBP conducted:
  - 851 apprehensions between U.S. ports of entry
  - 21 arrests of wanted criminals at U.S. ports of entry
  - 592 refusals of inadmissible persons at U.S. ports of entry

**Second, CBP plays a critical role in preventing dangerous drugs, including opioids, from reaching the American public.**

- CBP leverages targeting and intelligence-driven strategies, and works in close coordination with our interagency and international partners as part of our multi-layered, risk-based approach to enhance the security of our borders and our country.
- In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 the efforts of Office of Field Operations (OFO) and U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) personnel resulted in the seizure of more than 545,000 lbs. of narcotics including over 38,000 lbs. of methamphetamine, over 35,000 lbs. of cocaine, and over 2,700 lbs. of heroin. In the transit zones, CBP's Air and Marine Operations (AMO) disrupted 84,813 pounds of cocaine in FY 18.
  - CBP seizures of illicit fentanyl have significantly increased from approximately two lbs. seized in FY 2013 to approximately 1,131 lbs. seized by OFO and USBP in FY 2017.

- Approximately 1,218 lbs. of illicit fentanyl have already been seized in FY 2018. Fentanyl is the most frequently seized illicit synthetic opioid, but CBP has also encountered and identified 21 new fentanyl analogues crossing our borders through laboratory testing by CBP forensic scientists.
- CBP operates within nine major International Mail Facilities (IMF) inspecting international mail arriving from more than 180 countries, as well as 25 Express Carrier Consignment Facility (ECCF) located throughout the United States.
  - Just recently, CBP officers working at an ECCF in Cincinnati intercepted a package from Malaysia en-route to Texas, manifested as “clothing.” The package contained a single dress. Upon further inspection of the dress, a small anomaly sewn into the lining was discovered. The lining of the dress was cut open and an object wrapped in paper towel was discovered. The small package contained approximately .75 lbs. of heroin.
- At ports of entry and in the international mail and express consignment environments, CBP utilizes technology, such as non-intrusive inspection (NII), x-ray, and gamma ray imaging systems to detect the illegal transit of synthetic drugs hidden on people, in cargo containers, and in other conveyances entering the United States.
  - Since October of 2010, CBP has conducted more than 83 million NII examinations, resulting in more than 18,500 narcotics seizures, and more than \$79 million in currency seizures.

**Third, CBP works to secure and facilitate imports arriving in the U.S., accommodating the increasing volume and complexities of international trade. CBP protects U.S. agricultural resources through active inspections at ports of entry.**

- With the Container Security Initiative, Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, ten industry-based Centers of Excellence and Expertise, and the Automated Commercial Environment, CBP has a sturdy base of partnerships and technology to safeguard the American public and promote legitimate international commerce.
- Approximately \$4 trillion worth of international trade crosses our border every year.
- CBP collected more than \$40.1 billion in duties, taxes, and other fees in FY17.
- As with travel, cargo volumes are up – particularly with the rise in electronic commerce shipments.
  - CBP processed \$2.39 trillion in imports in FY17, equating to more than 28.5 million imported cargo containers at U.S. ports of entry – up by approximately 5 percent from FY16.
- Driven by E-commerce, air cargo volumes are way up, with global air freight traffic climbing by nearly 8 percent year-over-year in November, the start of the peak shipping season.
  - Express cargo shipments in general, meanwhile, have increased by an astonishing 15 percent over FY16 levels – from 96 million bills to 110 million in FY17.
- In compliance with the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act, CBP is:
  - Protecting Americans from counterfeit products and unsafe imports;
  - Protecting our domestic industries by:
    - Denying entry to imports made with forced labor; and
    - Enforcing anti-dumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) regulations.
  - Leveraging CBP's scientific expertise and laboratory capabilities to apply cutting-edge forensic science to further support its trade enforcement mission.
- On a typical day in 2017, CBP discovered:



- 352 pests at U.S. ports of entry and 4,638 materials for quarantine: plant, meat, animal byproduct, and soil

**Finally, over a million times each day, CBP officers welcome international travelers, returning U.S. citizens, and over two million shipments into the United States. CBP secures and facilitates legitimate travel by growing trusted traveler programs, embracing business transformation initiatives, fostering public-private partnerships, and employing robust targeting and risk assessment strategies. Working closely with interagency and international partners, CBP keeps international travelers informed, secures the travel environment, and promotes modern global tourism.**

- CBP's international programs and partnerships abroad extend the U.S. zone of security and facilitate legitimate travel.
- On a typical day in 2017 CBP processed:
  - 1,088,300 passengers and pedestrians
  - 340,444 incoming international air passengers and crew
  - 55,709 passengers and crew on arriving ship/boat
  - 691,549 incoming land travelers
  - 283,664 incoming privately owned vehicles
  - 2,003,975 inbound shipments
  - 78,137 truck, rail, and sea containers
  - \$6.5 billion worth of imported products
  - 90,959 entries of merchandise at our air, land, and sea ports of entry
  - \$120.5 million in duties, taxes and other fees, including more than \$94.8 million in duties
- Every day, more than a million people arrive at our 328 U.S. ports of entry by air, land, and sea. In FY17, that translated to more than 397 million international travelers.
  - International air travel to the United States jumped by 4.2 percent increase in just one year, from FY16 to FY17.
- As of December 1, 2017, CBP had more than 7 million Trusted Travelers.
- Global Entry (GE) now has 4.8 million members, including the addition of 1.4 million new members in FY17.
  - GE kiosks are available at 58 U.S. airports.
- Other Trusted Traveler offerings include Automated Passport Control (APC) and Mobile Passport Control (MPC).
  - More than 56 million used APC kiosks in FY17 (more than 40 percent of all arriving air travelers).
  - APC is now available at 57 locations (all major U.S. airports and 12 Pre-clearance) – and recently it rolled it out on the ferry between San Juan and Santo Domingo;
  - MPC usage tripled from FY16 to FY17 to more than 2 million trips processed.
- The Preclearance program is also instrumental in facilitating lawful travel, while pushing our zone of security outward.

In FY 2017, CBP pre-cleared more than 19 million travelers – 16 percent of all inbound commercial air travel.