



Training, Responsibility, Uniforms, and Standards for Transparency **(TRUST) Act**

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In the last year, the Trump Administration's Department of Homeland Security (DHS) immigration enforcement agents – including from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) – have demonstrated an increased disregard for the rule of law, basic safety, and accountability. Recent reporting shows that ICE officers receive less training than local law enforcement, and a [whistleblower](#) shared that agents were explicitly told to violate the U.S. Constitution. This is making communities across the country less safe.

DHS immigration enforcement agents must be held to the same standard as well-functioning local law enforcement. To achieve this, we need to reform hiring and screening standards and enforce uniform, identification, and professional conduct standards.

The TRUST Act would:

- Require immigration enforcement officers to wear standardized DHS uniforms and clearly display badges and identification during enforcement operations;
- Prohibit the use of masks as part of the standard uniform;
- Establish stronger hiring standards, including comprehensive background investigations, screening for affiliations with terrorist, violent, or hate-based organizations, and psychological evaluations;
- Require officers to complete specialized training on wrongful detention prevention, de-escalation strategies, language access, medical and disability recognition, and civil rights protections; and
- Mandate that officers use body-worn cameras during enforcement actions, establish consequences for failing to activate or tampering with recordings, and require public release of footage following serious incidents, subject to privacy protections.

This legislation would bring DHS immigration enforcement in line with widely accepted law enforcement standards that work to ensure high standards for accountability. These changes are designed to reduce misconduct, prevent wrongful detention, improve transparency, and help protect communities across the country.