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To Mayor Mike Duggan:

On June 26, 2025 the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners stood up for all Detroiters in their oversight role by passing the [Resolution Strengthening and Unleashing \*Local Control\* of Law Enforcement to Pursue \*Accountability\* and \*Protect Constitutional Rights\*, and Standing in Opposition to Executive Order #14288](#).

As an almost 12-year Mayor of Detroit, you have exercised the tremendous power of the Mayor's office over the BOPC and DPD, despite the theoretical independence and civilian oversight the City Charter outlines. Peter Hammer summarizes the phenomenon well in his [Assessing 50 Years of the Board of Police Commissioners and Civilian Oversight](#) essay where he states:

*"Politics is about power and given Detroit's current structure, the most power rests with the mayor. The BOPC cannot function without the mayor having the Board's back and demanding that the Police Chief, other DPD leadership, as well as the rank-and file, work under the BOPC's direction."*

We demand that you use your power to stand up for all Detroiters by directing the Detroit Police Department as follows:

1. DPD, **DO NOT** honor ICE "detainers" without an official warrant.
2. DPD, **DO NOT** share any information with ICE.
3. DPD, **DO NOT** assist or protect ICE with raids; and if on scene, protect protesters, not ICE .
4. DPD, **DO NOT** share anyone's personal or identifying information with ICE.
5. DPD, **DO** adopt a "non-cooperation" policy related to any and all ICE directives.
6. DPD, **DO** publicize by reporting to BOPC and City Council all requests from ICE (whether the request is fulfilled or not).
7. DPD, **DO** train all officers on advising all civilians (regardless of actual or perceived documentation status) on "Know Your Rights" information.
8. DPD, **DO** train all officers on all constitutional limits on ICE's powers.

9. DPD, **DO** monitor the actions of federal agents to ensure they adhere to First Amendment and due process rights.
10. DPD, **DO** interrupt any federal actions that violate the rights of individuals or infringes on their basic dignity.

These are urgent times with Federal Agents and actions threatening the basic rights of all of us. We urge you to take immediate and public action on this life-altering matter.

Respectfully,

Coalition for Police Transparency and Accountability (CPTA)

cc: Council President Mary Sheffield (District 5)  
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