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As a Member of Congress, I write to express my deep concern with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) related activity at Home Depot store locations, as well as the documented presence of ICE officials at Home Depot store locations, including in my district in Ewing, New Jersey.

Home Depot stores have long been trusted, informal gathering hubs for day laborers seeking honest work and supplies to support themselves and their families. Your stores have functioned as points of trust, visibility, and survival for many communities across the country. However, since 2025, you’ve allowed ICE to turn Home Depot locations into sites of fear, surveillance, and danger. Immigration enforcement activity in and around these stores has transformed everyday errands and job-seeking into high-risk encounters, with destructive consequences. On December 7th, 2025, ICE detained an individual at a Home Depot in Ewing, New Jersey, a culturally diverse city in my district. This led to a demonstration from concerned community organizations and citizens on December 19th, 2025, where members of the far-right, neo-fascist militant group, the Proud Boys, showed up.

We are not blind to the violence ICE brings to every city it invades. Last year, Roberto Carlos Montoya Valdés lost his life during an ICE raid at a Home Depot in Southern California. A father who was simply trying to make an honest day’s pay did not return home that night as a

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result of your unethical collaboration with ICE. Texas, California, Illinois, and New Jersey have experienced raids at several Home Depot locations, which terrorize both employees and customers.

Last September, ICE agents conducted raids around multiple Home Depot locations in Chicago to specifically target day laborers coming in and out of their stores. Among those detained was a local food vendor who had been working in the United States for over 10 years. She was taken with no warning, and her family has been advocating for her release for months

Home Depot claims to hold values like respecting all people, exercising good judgment by “doing the right thing,” and building trust, honesty, and integrity. Permitting ICE to conduct raids and arrests at its stores directly contradicts these values and undermines community trust and safety. A business that profits from immigrant labor and immigrant customers cannot claim neutrality when its spaces are used as traps for the very people it serves.

Given the consistent enabled targeting of your stores and the arrest of many innocent individuals, we respectfully request answers to the following questions.

1. In what ways have you been cooperating with ICE officials?
2. What personnel information and video surveillance have you made available to ICE?
3. What safety guidelines and processes are in place to protect Home Depot employees and day laborers during ICE activity?
4. How have ICE’s activities at your stores impacted the health and well-being of your employees, and what are you doing to address any concerns they may have?

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Home Depot must choose whether it stands with its communities or with enforcement practices that put lives at risk. True community commitment means refusing to allow stores to be used as sites of raids, arrests, and fear.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and request a detailed response no later than February 20th.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Watson Coleman

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