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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein urges U.S. District Court to block illegal and dangerous federal law enforcement deployment in Minnesota

Says Columbus has filed an amicus brief alongside 80 mayors, cities and counties warning of threat to public safety, community and law enforcement

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced the City has joined 80 local governments and leaders across the country to file an [amicus brief](#) challenging the constitutionality of the Trump administration's deployment of armed federal immigration agents to the Twin Cities. Coalition members filed the amicus brief in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota.

“What we’re seeing in the Twin Cities is horrific, heartbreaking, and more of the same illegal and unconstitutional tactics from the Trump-Vance administration that seemingly cares more about retribution than the rule of law,” said **Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein**. “Two people have now been shot and killed in the streets, local governments are under threat, and residents continue to have to worry about federal agents upending their daily lives. The courts are the surest check against this administration, and we will use every tool we have to hold this administration accountable for their overreach.”

The brief argues the Trump administration is violating the constitution by coercing local governments to redirect resources to support its federal immigration agenda and by sending an unprecedented number of ICE agents, who are deploying unlawful tactics, to Minneapolis and St. Paul. The coalition is asking the court to block further unlawful actions taken by ICE and restore normalcy, citing the immense harm already done to the Twin Cities and its residents.

“My prayers are with the families of Alex Pretti and Renee Good, the residents of the Twin Cities, and their leaders as they grieve and speak out against the injustices taking place in our country,” said **Mayor Andrew J. Ginther**. “I support this legal action to demand the federal government to stop deploying officials in our cities who lack the training and standards that we hold our own police to. Without proper measures to ensure public safety, as well as transparency and accountability, these agents are not making us safe – they are violating the Constitution and stoking chaos, pain and fear.”

The brief also documents how these and similar operations have caused widespread harm across the country, including to public safety as ICE continues its use-of-force tactics against residents, on local police due to growing mistrust of all law enforcement stemming from negative interactions with these federal agents, and overall disruptions to the lives and economy of those impacted by these deployments.