

# Nurse Advocacy Toolkit

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## Statement to share via e-mail with your network:

As nurses, we are ethically bound to protect the health, safety, and dignity of the communities we serve. Across the United States—most urgently in Minnesota—immigration enforcement actions are creating fear that keeps families from healthcare, school, and food access, actively harming public health.

Credible reports describe people detained without clear judicial warrants, children separated from caregivers, and clinics and schools treated as sites of enforcement rather than safety. This is not only an immigration issue—it is a public health crisis.


**Our ask is one clear action:** contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives and demand the immediate suspension of *Operation Metro Surge* and any enforcement actions conducted without judicial warrants or that target schools, healthcare facilities, or community spaces. Representatives' email addresses are located at [house.gov](https://www.house.gov) and senators' email addresses at [senate.gov](https://www.senate.gov).

Nurses cannot provide ethical care when patients are afraid to seek help—because when one community is made unsafe, all communities are at risk.

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## Graphic-ready caption (tight + scannable)

# PROTECT COMMUNITY HEALTH, STOP OPERATION METRO SURGE.

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- A photograph of three ICE officers in tactical gear, seen from behind, standing in front of a building. The officers' vests have "ICE" written on them in white. The background is slightly blurred, showing a building with windows and some outdoor equipment.
- Families too afraid to access healthcare, school, and food.
  - Raids without judicial warrants, bypassing state and local officials.
  - Fear is harming public health.

## Congress must suspend Operation Metro Surge.

Americans expect law enforcement to operate lawfully, accountably, and in coordination with state and local officials. Instead, reckless enforcement is escalating harm.

## CALL CONGRESS & DEFEND COMMUNITY SAFETY:


- ✓ No raids without judicial warrants.
- ✓ No targeting schools or healthcare.
- ✓ Demand safe communities for all.

### ACT NOW:



**CALL: 202-224-3121**

Fear is harming community health. Immigration enforcement actions like *Operation Metro Surge* are keeping families from healthcare, school, and food access. **Nurses call on Congress to immediately suspend Operation Metro Surge and any enforcement conducted without judicial warrants or targeting schools, healthcare facilities, or community spaces.**

 Call your Representatives at 202-224-3121: “*I’m a nurse from [City/State]. These actions are harming public health. Suspend Operation Metro Surge and protect safe access to care.*” When people are afraid to seek care, everyone is at risk.

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## 1) ≤280-character caption (fits X / tight limits)

Fear is harming community health. Immigration enforcement actions like *Operation Metro Surge* are keeping families from healthcare, school, and food access. Nurses call on Congress to **suspend Operation Metro Surge** and protect safe access to care.

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## 2) Social Media Posts: Two Variants (choose your tone)

### **Urgent / Mobilizing**

Fear is harming community health *right now*. Immigration enforcement actions like Operation Metro Surge are keeping families from healthcare, school, and food. **Congress must immediately suspend Operation Metro Surge and stop enforcement without judicial warrants.** Nurses are calling for action.

### **Steady / Professional**

Immigration enforcement actions such as Operation Metro Surge are creating fear that limits access to healthcare, education, and food—undermining public health. Nurses urge Congress to **suspend Operation Metro Surge** and protect safe access to care and due process.

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## 3) Platform-specific graphic captions


### **Instagram (values-forward, action-oriented)**

Fear is harming community health.

When families are afraid to seek healthcare, attend school, or access food, everyone is at risk. Nurses are calling on Congress to **immediately suspend Operation Metro Surge** and stop



enforcement actions that target community spaces or occur without judicial warrants.

 Call your Representative today at 202-224-3121  
#NursesForCommunityHealth #ProtectOurCommunities

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## **LinkedIn (professional, credibility-driven)**

Immigration enforcement actions like Operation Metro Surge are creating conditions of fear that prevent families from accessing healthcare, education, and food—posing a serious public health concern. Nurses are calling on Congress to **immediately suspend Operation Metro Surge** and protect safe access to care, schools, and community spaces.

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Below are comment-ready templates you can copy/paste under posts or use in replies. They're designed to de-escalate, re-center public health, and repeat the single ask without getting pulled into arguments.

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### **1) When someone says: *“This is political / nurses shouldn’t be involved”***

This isn't about party or politics. It's about public safety, accountability, and community health. When enforcement actions create fear that keeps people from healthcare, school, and food—and escalate rather than protect safety—nurses have a responsibility to speak out.

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### **2) When someone says: *“This is about law enforcement doing their job”***

Law enforcement has a difficult job, and communities expect it to be carried out lawfully, transparently, and in coordination with local officials to ensure public safety. Tactics that intimidate communities, bypass accountability, or escalate harm undermine both public health and trust.

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### **3) When someone says: *“This is just immigration enforcement, not a health issue”***

When people are afraid to seek medical care, send their children to school, or access food, the result is a public health crisis. Public safety and public health depend on trust, restraint, and accountability—not fear.

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#### 4) When someone says: *“You’re exaggerating / this isn’t happening”*

Multiple reports document enforcement tactics that have intimidated communities, disrupted healthcare and schools, and escalated harm rather than prevented it. When actions undermine safety and accountability, it’s appropriate—and necessary—for health professionals to raise concern.

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#### 5) When someone says: *“They should just follow the law”*

Following the law includes judicial warrants, accountability, and coordination with state and local officials. Enforcement that appears to operate without these safeguards risks harming innocent people, destabilizing communities, and eroding public trust.

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#### 6) When someone says: *“This doesn’t affect me”*

Public safety and public health are shared. When enforcement tactics destabilize one community, fear spreads, trust erodes, and everyone is affected. Protecting accountability and restraint protects all communities.

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#### 7) When someone supports the message but asks: *“What’s the ask?”*

Contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives and urge them to **suspend Operation Metro Surge** and stop enforcement actions that lack judicial warrants or target schools, healthcare facilities, and community spaces. Accountability and public safety must come first.

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#### 8) Pin-to-top comment (blended, values-driven)

This is about public safety, accountability, and community health. Nurses are calling on Congress to **suspend Operation Metro Surge** and stop enforcement tactics that escalate fear, bypass accountability, and harm access to healthcare, schools, and food. Safe communities require restraint, transparency, and trust.

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