



UAW Local 4100 Statement on ICE Raids and Violence



Yesterday morning, federal agents detained an undergraduate student at Columbia in one of the University's residential buildings without a judicial warrant or subpoena. UAW Local 4100 condemns this illegal act and stands in solidarity with our undergraduate colleague. We are grateful for the news that she has been released, but remain deeply concerned about the federal administration's reckless, unlawful immigration policy.

Over this past year, the Trump administration has advanced a nationwide campaign of terror against immigrants, illegally kidnapping working people, killing bystanders who lawfully observe and record acts of terror, and unlawfully detaining our colleagues.

Our membership includes international workers and immigrants who have uprooted their lives to come to the US to pursue a research career at the highest level. Last year's attacks on research funding led many researchers to abandon their academic career, resulting in losing immigration status and having to leave the country. Many workers now fear the intimidation tactics of unlawful immigration enforcement.

UAW Local 4100 condemns the disproportionate violence and unlawful activity of DHS and ICE all over the country. As a Union, we are dedicated to defending all workers, including immigrants and international scholars, against these attacks on our livelihoods and our safety.

In these unprecedented times, UAW Local 4100 stands to remind those that our union and the city of NYC flourish under the prosperity of citizens and immigrants. Therefore, we demand ending unlawful violence at the hands of ICE, and stand in solidarity with workers in our community and across the US who are targeted by, and fighting back against ICE terror.