



Statement of the Brown & Gold Public Affairs Committee

A Moment of Moral Clarity in America

The Brown and Gold PAC condemn the Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency for the senseless murders of American citizens Renee Good and Alex Pretti. Both deaths are the result of the Trump Administration's vindictive campaign of terror against immigrants of color in Democratic leaning states. ICE is not engaging in a legitimate effort to curb illegal immigration. It is acting upon the childish impulses of an American president, Donald Trump, who has no regard for the Constitution or rule of law, and sees the Office of the President as his vehicle to exact punishment to satisfy his personal grievances.

We stand with Minnesotans and applaud their resistance and courage. The Trump Administration is playing a dangerous game. It believes that Americans will cower in fear and simply surrender. We know that is not the case. The tens of thousands of Minnesotans who have taken to the streets to oppose ICE, and the millions of Americans supporting them across the nation, are a warning to this president, and his MAGA minions, that true Americans will fight for their freedom. This is an American president who engages in bully politics, but like most bullies, will learn he is not invincible.

We are witnessing the greatest threat to the Republic since the Civil War. This presidential administration is intent on restoring a White racial hierarchy and expects Black and brown communities to simply comply. It is clear this oppressive White House administration is engaging in ethnic cleansing under the guise of immigration control. Donald Trump has made clear his disdain for Black people, Caribbean and African nations, and Black culture, and the administration's constant lies defending ICE cannot conceal what is at the heart of what we are witnessing – racism. Renee Good and Alex Pretti, two conscientious and law-abiding Americans, are the tragic collateral damage of this fight against evil. They deserve justice, as did George Floyd, Philando Castile, Trayvon Martin, Sandra Bland, Breonna Taylor, Fred Hampton, Viola Liuzzo, Rev. James Reeb and so many other victims of state sanctioned violence.

We encourage states to take action to protect citizens against ICE and we encourage Senate Democrats to block funding of the Department of Homeland Security to defund ICE. Under this administration, ICE has become an agency of domestic terrorism, with agents behind masks for the sole purpose of intimidating Americans. The Brown and Gold PAC suspects certain ICE agents have ties to white nationalist groups protected by this administration. This is the same hatred the founders of our parent organization confronted in 1963. Like those twelve men, we will not cower and we will fight. We call on all Americans who support the rule of law, to take a stand for justice and stand up against tyranny.