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Constituent Groups in Illinois' 15th District Demand Rep. Mary Miller Host Town Hall Following Controversial DHS/ICE Funding Vote

Today, a coalition of civic and advocacy groups representing thousands of constituents in Illinois' 15th Congressional District called on U.S. Representative **Mary Miller** to return to the district during the current congressional recess and hold an in-person town hall to answer questions about a recent House vote that will funnel billions of taxpayer dollars to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) — including approximately **\$10 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**.

On *January 22, 2026*, the House narrowly approved the FY2026 DHS appropriations bill, which included substantial funding for ICE and other enforcement operations. The passage of this measure has drawn criticism from activists, civil-rights groups, and rank-and-file constituents concerned about aggressive enforcement practices, lack of accountability, and reports of federal agents' conduct in communities across the country, including the deaths of Renée Nicole Good and Alex Petti by masked Federal Agents.

“Our communities deserve transparency and accountability from their elected representatives,” said spokesperson **Tabitha Carden** of **Jacksonville Indivisible**. “Representative Miller’s vote to support this spending package raises significant questions about whether the voices of District 15 residents are being heard and represented in Washington.”

Local groups emphasize that many constituents have repeatedly attempted to contact Representative Miller's office — leaving messages and seeking dialogue — but have yet to receive substantive engagement. The coalition asserts that a town hall would allow for direct discussion of local concerns, including civil rights, immigration enforcement policy, and federal spending priorities.

“This is not just a policy issue; it’s about the real impact on people’s lives and liberties,” said **Adam Herrmann, Founder, Soy City Indivisible**. “In this pivotal moment in American history, our Representative must meet with the people she represents to explain her decisions and answer our questions.”

The coalition has offered multiple proposed dates for a district-based town hall during the current congressional recess and looks forward to a prompt response from Representative Miller’s office.

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February 2nd, 2026

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From:
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Champaign County Indivisible
Charleston Indivisible
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Dear Representative Miller,

We urge you to use the congressional recess called by the Speaker of the House through February 22nd to return to Illinois' 15th District and hold an in-person town hall, allowing constituents the opportunity to engage with you directly about issues affecting our district and the nation.

The undersigned organizations represent a broad and diverse group of constituents across District 15. Many of us have serious concerns regarding your recent vote to allocate an additional \$10 billion in taxpayer funding to the Department of Homeland Security, expanding ICE, CBP, and HSI operations. These policies have resulted in aggressive enforcement actions that have deeply impacted families and communities, raised serious civil-rights concerns, and eroded public trust in federal institutions.

Our groups regularly contact your office and leave messages with your staff, yet your limited presence in the district has not gone unnoticed. It is difficult for constituents to understand how their needs and concerns are being fully represented when opportunities for direct engagement are scarce and often require travel to Washington, D.C.

This period will be remembered as a consequential moment in American history. Constituents in District 15 deserve the opportunity to speak with their elected representative face-to-face and to ensure that their values, concerns, and expectations are heard and accurately reflected in Congress. We respectfully request that you return to the district and hold a public town hall during this recess.

Sincerely,
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Capital City Illinois Indivisible
Champaign County Indivisible
Charleston Indivisible
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