

H. Res. 516

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

June 27, 2025.

Whereas, on June 6, 2025, protests began in response to lawful Federal immigration enforcement actions by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel in Los Angeles, California;

Whereas these protests quickly escalated into violent riots across Los Angeles, where acts of arson, widespread looting, property destruction, and vandalism were committed, blocking streets and highways, lighting streets on fire, throwing rocks at law enforcement vehicles, and assaulting Federal and local peace officers;

Whereas rioters have shot commercial grade fireworks and thrown Molotov cocktails at Los Angeles Police Department officers and assaulted Federal agents;

Whereas rioters burned American flags, an act that disrespects the nation that protects their freedom;

Whereas California Governor Gavin Newsom asserted that “local law enforcement didn’t need any help,” despite the Los Angeles Police Department declaring that the violence had worsened and spiraled out of control;

Whereas more than 561 rioters have been arrested, and 12 brave officers with the Los Angeles Police Department have been injured in efforts to contain the chaos;

Whereas local and State leadership failed to contain the rapidly escalating disorder, failing to support overwhelmed law enforcement personnel;

Whereas the actions of law enforcement have been crucial in preventing further violence and protecting law-abiding citizens from harm;

Whereas the U.S. Small Business Administration called on California Governor Gavin Newsom to request an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Declaration to authorize SBA to deliver urgent assistance to Los Angeles-based small businesses that have been looted by rioters;

Whereas the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center, which provides health services for veterans, was closed for several days due to civil unrest, resulting in the cancellation of over 700 in-person appointments for United States veterans;

Whereas the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Los Angeles field office was temporarily closed due to the violence caused by anti-ICE riots and protests;

Whereas some mainstream media outlets and Members of Congress have falsely labeled the protests as "peaceful" and with "no violence" happening in Los Angeles;

Whereas United States Immigration and Enforcement officers have faced a 413% increase in assaults against them, and their family members have been doxed and targeted;

Whereas United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers have arrested at least 330 illegal aliens with prior criminal convictions such as murder, drug trafficking, assault, cruelty to children, domestic violence, robbery, and human smuggling;

Whereas illegal aliens have perpetrated violence against law enforcement officers; and

Whereas California's leadership has prioritized protecting illegal immigrants and violent individuals over United States citizens: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the right to assemble and protest peacefully;

(2) condemns unequivocally the violence perpetrated against Federal, State, and local law enforcement;

(3) calls on local and State elected leadership to work with the Federal Government to end the violent riots and restore peace; and

(4) expresses gratitude to law enforcement officers, including the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Orange County Sheriff's Department, and other local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies, including the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement for keeping our communities safe in the face of danger.

Attest:

Clerk.