

EXTERNAL TALKING POINTS

- **There is no emergency in Illinois.**
 - There is no emergency that warrants the President of the United States sending active-duty military here.
 - We have ongoing public safety efforts to fight crime and reduce gun violence, but unlawful immigration raids and an unnecessary deployment of troops will detract from our progress.
 - Gov. Pritzker has been visiting Chicago neighborhoods to demonstrate the lack of an emergency, showcase what the city offers, and discuss public safety.
- **Chicago and Illinois are united.**
 - Elected officials, CEOs, clergy, and education leaders, and community advocates have stood together to reject Trump's military deployment plans.
 - It's downright un-American for Trump to threaten to send active-duty military into a community that is not asking for it.
 - Illinois is the Land of Lincoln, and we have a long history of standing up for the freedoms and rights of our people.
- **Trump's plans to send active-duty military into U.S. cities without their permission is un-American.**
 - The President tested his powers in DC and LA and is trying to overreach here.
 - But a California judge rejected Trump's attempt to create a nationalized, militarized police force. And DC is taking the President to court too.
 - These power grabs circumvent the public safety efforts of local law enforcement who already work with federal law enforcement to tackle crime.
 - As Gov. Pritzker and Attorney General Raoul have said, Illinois will be ready to fight the Trump Administration in court.
 - We will do everything possible to ensure that agents operating in the confines of this state do so in a legal and ethical manner.

- **Sending the military would be bad for business.**
 - In D.C. restaurants and small businesses are reporting significantly less foot traffic. Los Angeles saw private sector work attendance fall 3.1% - a decline comparable to level seen during the pandemic.
 - Latino communities in Chicago are already feeling the [brunt of ICE raids](#), with small-business owners and leaders blaming immigration arrests and deportations as the main factor behind year-over-year revenue drops ranging from 20% to 50%.
 - Chicago is the nation's No. 1 metro area for corporate expansions, home to the third most Fortune 500 companies, ranked the "Best Big City" eight years in a row, and fresh off a record-breaking year in tourism. Deploying troops to our streets puts all of that at risk.

- **Gov. Pritzker cares about delivering results for working families and for public safety. Trump is creating political theater because he only cares about himself.**
 - None of this is about fighting crime or making Chicago safer. For Trump, it's about testing his power and producing a political drama to cover up his corruption.
 - Trump has explicitly said he is targeting blue states, which begs scrutiny about his plans for Republican-run states and cities with much higher crime rates than Chicago or Illinois.
 - 8 of the 10 states with the highest homicide rates are led by Republican governors.
 - We have real requests for the Trump Administration: restore community violence intervention grants, lower the costs of everyday goods impacted by tariffs, and help the 36,000 Illinoisans being cut from SNAP or the 360,000 Illinoisans losing Medicaid.
 - It is an insult to any and every citizen to suggest that anyone of any political party need to beg for resources owed to their people or taxpayers.

- **Illinois prioritizes public safety. We always have more work to do, but Trump is hurting our efforts not helping them.**

Trump doesn't care about public safety.	Gov. Pritzker takes public safety seriously.
Froze \$158 million for violence prevention programs	Invested \$250 million in evidence-based programs to reduce gun violence
Closed the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention	Established the Illinois Office of Firearm Violence Prevention
Does not call to coordinate or collaborate	Illinois State Police coordinates with the FBI, ATF, U.S. Marshals, and DEA to fight gang violence, narcotics trafficking, and gun-related offenses
Cut funding for training for forensics for sexual assault victims	Established a State-of-the-Art forensic facilities to increase examinations and public safety

- **Understanding your rights is the best way to prepare and stay protected.**
 - Information about key rights can be found at the Illinois Immigration Information Hub: [IllinoisImmigrationInfo.org](https://illinoisimmigrationinfo.org).
 - In an immigration emergency or to report ICE Activity, call the ICIRR Family Support Network Hotline at 1-855-435-7693.
 - **Know Your Rights**
 - You have the right to remain silent, not answer questions, and not sign any documents.
 - You have the right to deny entry without a valid warrant.
 - You have the right to ask to speak to an attorney.
 - You have the right to clearly state if you are afraid to go back to your country of origin.
 - You have the right to ask to speak with the consulate from your country of citizenship.
 - **Prepare Yourself and Family:**
 - Memorize at least one phone number of a family member, attorney, or the ICIRR Family Support Network Hotline (1-885-435-7693).
 - Create a family emergency plan and identify a person who can care for your children or household if you are arrested or detained.
 - Keep key documents in a safe place.