



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Community Update: Press Conference/Rally Against Con Ed, Mayer Bill Signed into Law, In the Community

SENATOR SHELLEY B. MAYER February 10, 2025

Dear Friends,

For many of us across the state and nation, the past several weeks have been very challenging. As an eternal optimist, and one dedicated to speaking out when I feel it is necessary, I will keep standing up for my constituents in ways both big and small. I will continue to be openly critical of many of the actions in Washington that adversely impact New Yorkers and New York State.

Every day, I hear from many of you who are struggling with utility bills from Con Edison — often sharing bills that don't match actual usage and your good faith efforts to keep costs down. Your words do not go unheard. Recently, the Senate passed a utility affordability package, which includes two bills of mine that are dedicated to keeping your utility bills as low as possible. (They passed last year as well — this issue is not new to me!) **I'm having a rally/press conference this Friday in White Plains to strongly oppose the next Con Ed rate increase application.** More details below!

Last week, we commemorated International Holocaust Remembrance Day. As we confront the rise in antisemitism and other forms of hatred worldwide, it is important to reflect on the lessons of the Holocaust and ensure they are passed on to future generations. As this

year marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, we honor the six million Jews and countless others who were murdered, as well as the survivors who inspire us with their strength and resilience. Let us renew our commitment to combating hatred in all forms and building a world defined by empathy and justice. You can view my remarks on the Senate floor commemorating this day.



Statement on Elon Musk's Actions

I am deeply alarmed by the actions of Elon Musk, which I believe are of questionable legality and lacking in appropriate oversight. Mr. Musk has obtained access to highly sensitive federal agencies and the personal information of millions of American citizens — without being elected to public office, or vetted and confirmed by Congress. President Trump's support of Musk's actions, including replacing officials who oppose him, is irresponsible and disregards American rights and democratic principles. I call upon everyone, specifically my

Federal Republican colleagues, to do what is right and oppose these actions and stand up to safeguard American rights.

Statement on Federal Funding Freeze

Recently, we also faced the temporary freezing of federal funding by President Trump. This “pause” was deeply disturbing and caused great stress, confusion, and havoc in New York State and across the country. Any freeze of federal funding, whether temporary or permanent, will cause great harm to our communities, impacting Medicaid, hospitals, Head Start programs, veterans programs and more. I applaud New York State Attorney General Letitia James and other state Attorneys General, who promptly filed suit challenging this order. I am appreciative of everyone who spoke out, contacted their representatives, used social media to make their voices heard, or were outspoken in other ways, to ensure the Administration heard the outcry and withdrew the memorandum, although not the underlying Executive Order, that threatened NYS programs. The temporary freezing was stopped by a Federal Judge - hopefully there will be a permanent rejection of this order.

Know Your Rights In an Encounter with ICE

Finally, ICE agents have been present throughout the state, including in Westchester County. I urge everyone to familiarize themselves with the rights you have to protect yourself and your loved ones.



Know Your Rights In an Encounter With ICE

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO

- Remain silent and refuse to answer any questions from ICE agents
- Refuse to open the door of a private home or office to ICE agents if the agents have no warrant, or have a warrant that is not signed by a judge
- Refuse to let ICE agents look at your belongings if they do not have a warrant signed by a judge
- Speak to an attorney

If ICE Stops You On the Street

If You Are Arrested by ICE

- You have the right to remain silent, speak to an attorney, and call your consulate
- You do not have to provide any information about your immigration status, place of birth, or criminal record
- Speak to an attorney first!

- Tell the ICE agents that you do not want to speak with them and do not answer any questions
- Ask if you are free to leave. If they say "yes," walk away. If they say "no," do not answer any questions.
- If they search your belongings, say, "I do not consent to this search"
- Do not sign any documents
- Do not give ICE any false or foreign documents
- Do not run away or resist an arrest
- Do not respond to questions about your immigration status or where you were born
- Ask the agents for ID to confirm they are ICE

If ICE Comes to Your House

- ICE agents can only enter if someone in the house gives them permission (opens the door) OR if they have a judicial warrant from a court and signed by a judge
- A warrant from ICE does not give agents permission to enter your home.
- Remain calm and respectful
- Ask if they are from ICE and to show you the judicial warrant by passing it under the door
- If they do not have a judicial warrant, say, "I do not give you permission to enter" and "I do not want to answer any questions"
- If the agents enter without a judicial warrant or your consent, ask them to leave and say, "I do not give you permission to enter" and "I will not answer any questions"
- If they begin to search your belongings, say, "I do not consent to this search"
- If they have a judicial warrant, say, "I do not want to answer any questions without talking to a lawyer"
- Do not give ICE agents any foreign documents such as passports, consular IDs, or expired visas
- If the agents have an arrest warrant for someone else, do not lie about the person's whereabouts

For Immigration-related questions and legal referrals, call a Catholic Charities managed helpline

NYS New Americans Hotline: 1-800-566-7636

NYC/MQIA Legal Support Hotline: 1-800-354-0365



Conozca sus Derechos en un Encuentro con ICE

Tienes derecho a

- Permanecer en silencio y negarse a responder preguntas de los agentes de ICE
- Negarse a abrir la puerta de una casa u oficina privada a agentes de ICE, si los agentes no tienen orden judicial, o tienen una orden judicial que no está firmada por un juez
- Negarse a permitir que los agentes de ICE, revisen sus pertenencias si no tienen una orden firmada por un juez
- Hablar con un abogado

SI ICE te detiene en la calle

Si eres arrestado por ICE

- Tiene derecho a permanecer en silencio, hablar con un abogado y llamar a su consulado
- No es necesario que proporcione ninguna información sobre su estado migratorio, lugar de nacimiento o antecedentes penales
- Primero, hable con un abogado!

- Dígale a los agentes de ICE que no desea hablar con ellos y no responda ninguna pregunta
- Pregunte si puede irse. Si dicen "sí", aléjese. Si dicen "no", no responda ninguna pregunta
- Si registran sus pertenencias, puede decir: "No doy mi consentimiento para este registro"
- No firmes ningún documento
- No entregue a ICE ningún documento falso o extranjero
- No huya ni se resista a un arresto
- No responda preguntas sobre su estatus migratorio o sobre dónde nació
- Solicite una identificación a los agentes para confirmar que son ICE

SI ICE llega a tu casa

- Los agentes de ICE solo pueden entrar si alguien en la casa les da permiso (abre la puerta) O si tienen una orden judicial de un tribunal y firmada por un juez
- Una orden de ICE no les da permiso a los agentes para ingresar a su casa
- Mantén la calma y el respeto
- Pregunte si son de ICE y que te muestren la orden judicial, pasándola por debajo de la puerta
- Si no tienen orden judicial, diga: "No les doy permiso para entrar" y "No quiero responder ninguna pregunta"
- Si los agentes entran sin orden judicial y sin tu consentimiento, pídeles que se vayan diciéndoles: "No les di permiso de entrar" y "No responderé ninguna pregunta"
- Si comienzan a registrar sus pertenencias, diga: "No doy mi consentimiento para este registro"
- Si tienen una orden judicial, diga: "No quiero responder ninguna pregunta sin hablar con un abogado"
- No les dé a los agentes de ICE ningún documento extranjero como pasaportes, identificaciones consulares o visas vencidas.
- Si los agentes tienen orden de detención contra otra persona, no mientas sobre el paradero de esa persona

Para preguntas relacionadas con inmigración y referencias legales, llame a una línea de ayuda administrada por Caridades Católicas

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If there is anything my office can assist you with, please email me at smayer@nysenate.gov or call (914) 934-5250.

Warm regards,

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