

## Email Template - Version 2

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**Subject:** Six Months of Silence Is Not Leadership

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Dear Board Chair Woodward,

Six months ago, Oakland County residents asked this Board to act. Six months later, we are still waiting.

During those six months, residents have done everything democracy requires. We have attended meetings, delivered hours of public comment, sent hundreds of emails, made countless phone calls, and engaged respectfully with this Board. We have not come with vague complaints—we came with six clear, reasonable, and actionable requests.

Yet after six months, the Board has failed to act.

No additional Community Safety & Civil Rights Ad Hoc Committee meetings have been scheduled. No funding has been approved. No policies have been codified. **The continued inaction sends a troubling message: that the concerns of hundreds of Oakland County residents are simply not a priority.** The community's asks remain unchanged:

### Approve:

- \$50,000 for legal aid to support impacted families
- \$100,000 to address food insecurity for impacted children
- Add two community members to the Community Safety & Civil Rights Ad Hoc Committee

### Codify into policy:

- No ICE activity on any Oakland County property without a judicial warrant
- No 287(g) agreements—ever
- No CLEMIS Authority contracts with DHS/ICE

As we celebrate 250 years of our nation, we are reminded that our democracy has never advanced because leaders waited until action became politically comfortable. Progress has always required courage.

Today, many residents are asking a simple question: **If this Board cannot act after six months of sustained public engagement, then what will it take?**

After six months, the Board is no longer being judged by what it says. It is being judged by what it has failed to do. The residents of Oakland County deserve leaders who meet the moment—not months later, but when leadership is needed most.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[City or Township]

Oakland County Resident

[Email / Phone Number if comfortable]