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Dear National Development Executive Team,

We the undersigned are reaching out with concern about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) vehicles regularly parking on National Development properties abutting the ICE facility on District Avenue, Burlington, MA. As hundreds of peaceful protesters gather every Wednesday at the ICE facility, ICE's use of National Development facilities for its operations has become impossible to ignore. We urge you to end this aid to ICE by sending a request to ICE to refrain from further use of your parking lots.

As you may be aware from recent [news coverage](#), the facility has had multiple, recent, credible allegations of egregious human rights violations. These include detainees being forced to sleep on cold, urine-soaked floors and not being given access to personal care products or showers. The physical and psychological abuse creates trauma. One detainee's "time in custody ended with her alone, wet and begging for help at The Cheesecake Factory in the Burlington Mall, after ICE agents released her into the rainy street outside the detention facility...She was 30 miles from home, with no phone and a broken spirit. [Her] family fears that their nightmare will never truly end. "I know ... she's not okay ... I don't think she'll ever be the same, to be honest. I really don't". State Representative Ken Gordon stated: "Make no mistake, there is psychological torture going on in that facility." We know that National Development does not want to be associated with these reports in any way.

We hope that, upon becoming aware of this issue, you will act on your corporate values to end your role in facilitating these abuses. Your values are exemplified by your work to [build beds for children in need](#), and to end homelessness in eastern MA by supporting the Heading Home organization, about which a National Development leader [stated](#): "We're all human and what [we're] doing is providing pure dignity to another human ... and when you strip it all away that's the stuff that matters." Allegations that include abducting innocent people from the security and comfort of their homes without due process, and even depriving them of beds to sleep in, are antithetical to the values and actions that National Development promotes for human dignity and community building.

Thank you for considering our request. We stand ready to support you as you make the right decision to end parking for ICE on your properties now.

Sincerely,

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