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Statement on Sanctuary Jurisdictions, Enforcement & Funding

The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police understands that immigration is a complex and controversial issue. Elected leaders have debated for years and have been unable to reach agreement on comprehensive reform of a broken system. Their failure has created a true humanitarian crisis and divided the nation.

The media has done little to pressure Republican and Democrat leaders to work in a bipartisan manner to find solutions. Instead, many news outlets are unfairly vilifying agents of the Immigration and Custom Enforcement Agency (ICE). This is both wrong and dangerous.

Local law-enforcement is all-too-familiar with this scenario. For as long as the system of immigration has failed, so too have many of the Socio-economic policies created by these very same leaders to help struggling communities. Elected officials, aided by ideological surrogates in the media, successfully masked their failures by vilifying the police over the past several years. Many in law-enforcement felt a "war on cops" was being waged.

Now we see the agents of ICE being vilified in a similar fashion. These brave men and women are tasked with keeping our nation safe from external threats. It is a daunting task complicated by the chaos created by those who have governed ineffectively.

The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police supports and prays for the safety of the agents of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, Border Patrol and local and state law enforcement agencies that have cooperated with ICE and have been vilified for doing their jobs as they execute their mission and admonish those elected officials and media outlets who failed in theirs.