



TOWN OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528-0525

Dear Honorable Kristi Noem:

The Merrimack Town Council is presently examining and preparing the 2026-2027 Municipal Budget. Two areas of great concern have been identified if an ICE Processing Center is established in the Town of Merrimack, NH. If the potential non-verified warehouse is purchased by the Federal Government, there would be a \$529,000 decrease in the tax revenue. This would result in an increase in the tax rate for our citizens.

If an ICE Processing Center is established within the Town, potential difficulties and civil protest would necessitate our Police and Fire/Rescue Department services. Again, there is potential financial impact upon those departments and their budgets.

As a result, this Town Council is against the establishment of an ICE Processing Center based upon the aforementioned financial impacts and concerns to our budget.

There is an expectation that communication with our Town Manager, Paul Micali, will occur when a decision is made regarding the actual determination of any ICE Processing Center in the Town of Merrimack, NH.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns and deliberate consideration regarding placement of an ICE Processing Center in our community.

Sincerely,


Finlay C. Rothhaus
Town Council Chairman
Town of Merrimack, NH

Cc: The Honorable Kelly Ayotte, Governor of NH
The Honorable Margaret Hassan, Senator of NH
The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen, Senator of NH
The Honorable Chris Pappas, Congressman of NH
The Honorable Maggie Goodlander, Congresswoman of NH

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