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In my opinion, we would not have a problem that needed this proposed solution if we simply followed the US Constitution and did not abandon due process, freedom of speech, rights regarding searches and seizures, etc. because a President convinced us that he had the power to ignore existing laws.

We need to stop the warrantless searches, disappearances, excessive force (up to and including death) and deportation without adequate physical conditions/medical care and records about the location of deportees. We need to stop this NOW.

I appreciate the work the Senate Committee on Judiciary has done to provide a potential stop-gap measure to provide some measure of relief. But this work takes time and effort away from the root issue--which is the removal of people willing to violate existing laws because someone has represented to them that it is perfectly proper to do so. We cannot wait for the next general election to start figuring out how to deal with non-police officers impersonating real police officers.

Thank you for your attention to this testimony.