

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 25, 2025

The Honorable Jessica Tisch
Commissioner
New York Police Department
One Police Plaza
New York, NY, 10038

Dear Commissioner Tisch:

I am writing to you following [recent reports](#) that New York City Police Department (NYPD) officers sustained injuries during an encounter with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents on November 12, 2025. During that incident, NYPD officers responded to multiple 911 calls from residents who witnessed plain-clothed armed men pulling individuals out of their vehicles. When officers arrived on the scene, they observed a group chasing an individual near 164th Street and Broadway and intervened to stop what appeared to be a crime in progress. Only after the NYPD got involved did the individuals in pursuit verbally identify themselves as federal immigration officials. The NYPD stated that the officers suffered “minor injuries” but did not specify what those injuries were nor how they occurred.

As you know, this is not an isolated incident. For the last several months, New Yorkers have witnessed first-hand how unmasked, unidentified Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials have terrorized our neighborhoods wearing plain clothes, concealing their faces, and failing to provide proper identification. These tactics have jeopardized public safety by causing confusion among bystanders, triggered emergency calls from residents who believe they are witnessing violent crimes, and even led to the actual commission of violent crimes by people pretending to be ICE agents.¹ This improper conduct by ICE has placed NYPD in the impossible position of having to distinguish armed federal agents from criminal actors in real time. Now, this grossly egregious conduct has created safety risks not only for the public, but for your officers, who are forced to respond.

Given the risks that these federal operations are now posing on local authorities, I respectfully request the following information:

1. What injuries did the NYPD officers suffer during that confrontation on November 12? How did those injuries occur?
2. How many reports has the NYPD received since January 20th, 2025, alleging that ICE or other immigration enforcement officers failed to appropriately identify themselves during an arrest or enforcement action?
3. Have there been other occasions when NYPD officers have unknowingly confronted DHS officials conducting immigration enforcement operations?
4. Has your Department issued guidance or protocol to officers advising them how to respond to federal agents operating without visible identifiers or markings during enforcement operations or actions? If so, please provide such guidance.

Dell Cameron & Caroline Haskins, “FBI Warns of Criminals Posing as ICE, Urges Agents to ID Themselves,” WIRED, Nov. 4 2025, <https://www.wired.com/story/fbi-warns-of-criminals-posing-as-ice-urges-agents-to-id-themselves/>

5. Has your Department raised concerns related to public safety risks stemming from federal officials failing to identify themselves directly to the Department of Homeland Security? If so, please provide details about your concerns and any response you received.

NYPD officers and any state or local authorities should never be put in harm's way because federal agents fail or are simply unwilling to properly identify themselves.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I look forward to your response no later than December 15th, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Goldman', written over a horizontal line.

Dan Goldman
Member of Congress