



United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's statement regarding current immigration enforcement operations and their impact on businesses nationwide

WASHINGTON D.C. – FEBRUARY 5, 2026 - American businesses are facing historic disruptions due to the public safety crisis amidst federal immigration enforcement operations in communities across the country. These disruptions to commerce, especially to small, locally owned and family-owned businesses, threaten our shared prosperity on a national scale.

In red and blue states alike, business owners, including Hispanic entrepreneurs, are sounding the alarm. In Minnesota, public safety concerns have destabilized commercial activity by as much as 70%. Business owners in Chicago are reporting that sales have declined by half. Employers in Florida, Texas, and Tennessee are struggling with sudden and unexpected workforce shortages.

America's small businesses are the backbone of our economy — they provide 43.5% of U.S. GDP and employ 45.9% of American workers. When small businesses are hurting, all Americans are hurting.

The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce urges all political leaders to unite in support of bipartisan immigration solutions that attract innovative entrepreneurs, provide employers with a stable workforce, ensure public safety, and uphold our shared belief that all individuals deserve respect and are entitled to due process and the equal protection of the constitution.

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About the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce champions the growth and success of America's small businesses, with our mission focused on the more than 5 million Hispanic-owned businesses that contribute over \$4 trillion to the U.S. economy each year. We advocate for a network of more than 260 local chambers and business associations and proudly partner with over 100 major American corporations to empower and support small businesses nationwide. Programs, services and events of the USHCC are proudly available to all businesses.

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