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Booker, Padilla Introduce Bill to Unmask ICE Agents, Force Identification to Illegals

Not satisfied with a massive boost in violence against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents who are trying to enforce the law, two far-left Senate Democrats have introduced a bill that would forbid the agents from wearing masks to protect their identity on immigration raids.

Agents wear the masks because far-left Democrats have doxed them and called them Nazis and terrorists. One even called upon Hispanic gangs to attack agents during mass deportation operations. The agents fear for their families.

Senators Cory Booker of New Jersey and Alex Padilla of California aren't concerned. They want illegals and their violent supporters to know the identity of ICE agents. The pair introduced the "Visible Act" to unmask agents and force them to identify themselves to illegal aliens, notably the rapists, murderers, and [terrorists](#) ICE now [routinely arrests and deports](#).



AP Images
Cory Booker

Accountability starts with transparency. If you're being detained, you should know by who.

That's why I introduced the VISIBLE Act—legislation that will require ICE agents to remove masks and clearly display identification while carrying out enforcement actions.

pic.twitter.com/VL5qfnxxDT

— Alex Padilla (@AlexPadilla4CA) [July 9, 2025](#)

Anti-ICE Violence and Rhetoric

ICE agents wear the masks to protect their identities, which anti-American leftists could use to target their families for murder, officials say.

The danger is real. Violence against ICE agents has increased 700 percent since President Trump took office, the Department of Homeland Security reported on X.

As [The New American reported](#) two days ago, federal prosecutors have charged 15 leftists with attacks on ICE facilities, 10 of whom face three counts of attempted murder each.

New York City's comptroller [was arrested](#) for attacking ICE agents, [as was](#) Representative LaMonica



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McIver of New Jersey.

But none of that seems to bother Democrats. Indeed, some Democratic congressmen [told Axios](#) that “grassroots” activists believe the congressmen must “be willing to get shot” to stop the mass deportations and other of Trump’s policies, and that “there needs to be blood” to attract attention.

The calls for violence against our [@ICEgov](#) law enforcement agents MUST END NOW!

This despicable rhetoric has contributed to a 700% increase in assaults against them.

Sanctuary politicians continue to fuel this vile rhetoric, while our brave ICE agents are working to arrest the... <https://t.co/G4ly84Urkl>

— Homeland Security (@DHSgov) [July 9, 2025](#)

New in [@Axios](#) AM: Dems are being told by constituents to break the rules, fight dirty — and not be afraid to get hurt.

"Some of them have suggested ... what we really need to do is be willing to get shot," said one House Dem. "There needs to be blood." <https://t.co/XsDIAa2eUV>

— Andrew Solender (@AndrewSolender) [July 7, 2025](#)

As well, far-left Democrats have employed rhetoric that could very well encourage leftists to attack ICE agents. Indian immigrant Representative Pramila Jayapal of Washington [called ICE agents “terrorists.”](#) So [also did](#) the deputy mayor of Ventura, California, Doug Halter. Boston, Massachusetts, Mayor Michelle Wu and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz have [likened them](#) to neo-Nazis and the Gestapo, the secret police in Nazi Germany.

Cynthia Gonzalez, vice mayor of Cudahy, California, [called upon](#) the 18th Street and Florencia 13 gangs to attack ICE agents. “There ain’t a peep out of you,” she said to the gangs:

It’s everyone else who’s not about the gang life that’s out there protesting and speaking up. We’re out there, like, fighting for our turf, protecting our turf, protecting our people, and like, where you at?

In May, Nashville, Tennessee, Mayor Freddie O’Connell [doxed ICE agents](#) on the city’s website.

The Nashville Mayor is protecting illegal aliens and gang members over his constituents.

At a time when our ICE officers are facing a 413% increase in assaults, Mayor O’Connell is doxxing the names of law enforcement agents removing criminal illegal aliens from his city.... <pic.twitter.com/bKB0Ed3HSE>

— Homeland Security (@DHSgov) [May 29, 2025](#)



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Agents Protecting Themselves

After O’Connell’s doxing, border czar Tom Homan explained why ICE agents wear masks. “Assaults against ICE officers are high, the doxing of ICE officers [is] at an all time high, and people always complain,” he told reporters:

Some of you here say, “Why are they wearing masks?” They’re trying to protect themselves and their families.

They’ve got a dangerous job to do and are being doxed every day across this country. I’ve experienced [it] myself a hundred times. I’m willing to take that because of the position I hold. ... We’re not running a popularity contest. We’re trying to enforce the laws enacted by Congress and do it in a smart, effective way.

BREAKING: Tom Homan just issued a stern warning to those who wish to commit violence against ICE officers:

“The doxing of ICE officers are at an all-time high.”

“They got a dangerous job to do, and they’re being doxed every day across this country.”

“The assaults are up, but... pic.twitter.com/AMFjIx2S5D

— Gunther Eagleman™ (@GuntherEagleman) [May 29, 2025](#)

Anti-ICE Bill

But Booker and Padilla want illegals — and presumably the illegal gangs that Gonzalez urged to attack ICE agents — to know the identities of the men and women who are enforcing the law. [Thus, their “Visible Act.”](#)

[It requires agents](#) to expose themselves to possible retaliation by illegals about to be sent home, where they belong. The bill:

Requires officers to display clearly legible identification—including their agency name or initials and either their name or badge number—in a manner that remains visible and unobscured by tactical gear or clothing;

Prohibits non-medical face coverings (such as masks or balaclavas) that obscure identity or facial visibility, with exceptions for environmental hazards or covert operations;

Requires DHS to establish disciplinary procedures for violations, report annually to Congress on compliance, and investigate complaints through its Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

The bill will not limit immigration enforcement and does not apply “to covert or non-public operations,” its fact sheet says. Strangely, it does not “prohibit face coverings when necessary for officer safety,” which is precisely why agents are masked.



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[Booker said](#) in a July 8 press release:

For weeks, Americans have watched federal agents with no visible identification detain people off the streets and instill fear in communities across the country. Reports of individuals impersonating ICE officers have only increased the risk to public and officer safety. The lack of visible identification and uniform standards for immigration enforcement officers has created confusion, stoked fear, and undermined public trust in law enforcement.

Said Padilla, whose parents were illegal aliens:

When federal immigration agents show up and pull someone off the street in plainclothes with their face obscured and no visible identification, it only escalates tensions and spreads fear while shielding federal agents from basic accountability.

[Federal agents recently hauled](#) Padilla out of a presser by Homeland Security chief Kristi Noem because they thought he was threatening her.

The bill comports with what one Democratic senator said of illegals. They are, [Senator Chris Murphy averred](#), “the people we care about most.”



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