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Dear Paul:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me. As your senator, it is important that I hear from you. I know from your correspondence this is an issue you care deeply about.

I appreciate hearing of your concerns regarding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) presence in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I understand that there are ongoing investigations concerning the recent shootings in Minneapolis. We ought to let the investigation play out before making any judgments. **Let me be clear, one death is too many and I will be watching the investigation closely.**

Additionally, I was encouraged to hear that President Trump and Governor Walz spoke by phone as well as Mayor Frey. I sincerely hope Minnesota and federal law enforcement can reach an understanding so our federal immigration laws can be enforced safely.

Law enforcement continues to face a record number of threats in the course of their duties. When any incidents occur, potential misconduct is investigated; such is the case for the incident you referenced. I want to be clear though that our officers should never be threatened or harmed while enforcing our laws.

To that end, I believe there is a clear difference between the conduct protected by the First Amendment and unlawful obstruction.

I am continuing to monitor ICE's operations and appreciate you sharing your comments.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chuck Grassley  
United States Senator



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