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DHS Supplementary Guidance on Sensitive Locations Fails to Address Aggressive Raids

*NIPNLG Calls on DHS Secretary Johnson to Release
Wildin Acosta and Other Raid Victims*

Washington, D.C.—On July 15, DHS published **supplementary guidance** regarding its enforcement actions at sensitive locations such as schools, churches, and marches. Issued in response to public pressure against aggressive DHS tactics deployed in recent raids, this guidance does little to address the public’s concern about these raids.

For one, this supplementary guidance excludes a number of sensitive areas and affirms vague exception clauses. Most notably, the guidance fails to prohibit ICE enforcement actions against students on their way to school and limits protection of bus stops to those “that are marked and/or known to the officer.” This would not address **ICE arrest of high school students on their way to school or standing at school bus stops which generally are not marked.**

The guidance also fails to cover courthouses and permits DHS to conduct enforcement at sensitive locations if agents obtain approval from “an appropriate supervisory official” or agents themselves determine that there are exigent circumstances.

Furthermore, the guidance does not provide redress for the victims of these violations, and fails to delineate any consequences for officers who violate the guidance.

Said **Paromita Shah**, Associate Director at NIPNLG, “this guidance is a tweak at the margins of a vast DHS police state that is responsible for mass deportation, surveillance, and civil rights violations. We should not be distracted by a policy that does little to address the real harm and terror caused by raids and deportations across the country.”

As DHS continues to raid communities, incarcerate immigrant youth arrested on their way to school and deport individuals in violations of their civil rights, we need

real accountability at DHS.

“Instead of releasing a guidance, DHS should release youth like Wildin Acosta arrested on their way to school, return those deported in violation of agency directives, and discipline officers who violate the Constitution and agency directives,” said **Julie Mao**, Enforcement Fellow at NIPNLG.

The guidance can be read at <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2016/07/15/fact-sheet-frequently-asked-questions-existing-guidance-enforcement-actions-or> on the DHS website.

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