

I am writing to state that our ICE and Police Officers were nothing but professional during the entire episode on Dorset Street in South Burlington.

I watched as the activists' texts went out - telling protesters to come to the site. I watched early protesters say the vilest things 2 inches from ICE officers faces. I watched as a woman sexually "twerked" for hours 2 inches from ICE officers. I listened as males called female ICE officers the C-word. The entire time ICE officers just stood there - doing their job. Personally, I don't know how they remained so professional when the crowd was anything but. The crowd was agitated, angry, and ready for a fight. The police officers were just doing their job.

I watched as members of a local communist organization - who are always present at these protests - move among the crowd - furthering agitation.

Lastly, I will say this. To give these protesters, communist organizations, and just plain agitators a platform, like the one you are holding on March 31 - is to validate and continue the attacks on our law enforcement officers - resulting in just more violence. This was studied locally, and there will be no arrests of any ICE, State or local police. Why? Because they acted within the law.

Do the right thing, and tell the violent people that Vermont will continue to follow the law, and will continue to support Vermont law enforcement officers.

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