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I, Elise Gilligan, oppose ICE operating in our community because it creates unnecessary fear, and instability for many which affects all of us in some way as a whole. When people are afraid to go to work, school, seek medical care, or students are afraid to participate in events and activities, it makes everyone less safe and ultimately weakens the way the schools function and how our community runs. ICE presence does not strengthen public safety - it breaks trust and tears down relationships made between residents and local institutions. Many of those affected are families that simply want the one life they live to be better for their kids and themselves. Our town should prioritize compassion over power and due process over invasion. I urge local leaders to take a stand against ICE involvement in our community.