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**The Midwest Region of the National Black Law Students Association
Denounces the Recent Immigration Raid Conducted in Omaha, Nebraska**

The Midwest Region of the National Black Law Student Association (MWBLSA) condemns the recent worksite immigration raid in Omaha, Nebraska where sixty-seven people were detained. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) claims the invasion was part of an enforcement action to execute federal search warrants in connection with an investigation into “large sale employment of aliens without legal work authorization.”¹ As of this past Friday, criminal charges have not been filed against those arrested in the raid.² Of the sixty-six people detained at least sixty-three of the people were taken to Lincoln County Detention Center. The county’s sheriff stated that none of the detainees were violent offenders.³ All of the individuals that were detained are community members, residents, family members, and caregivers.

The ICE raids occurred in a targeted attack on the immigrant community. We condemn this act as a broader nationwide pattern of state sanctioned violence on the immigrant community. A community under attack responded by exercising their First Amendment right to assemble against a government. The community gathered to peacefully protest the invasion they were under by Immigration and Customs Enforcement as the largest attack in history in the state of Nebraska. The protest escalated due to the agitation of local law enforcement resulting in the arrest of four protestors.

ICE continues to operate with little transparency, while circumventing due process, and violating human rights. Under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution “nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”⁴ State deprivation of interest in life, liberty, or property must ordinarily be preceded by notice and a hearing. Current ICE invasions have torn families apart without a notice or hearing. Most immigration proceedings are typically civil not criminal so *Gideon*⁵ does not apply and there is no federal statutory provision for appointed counsel. We therefore challenge the current administration that permits warrantless raids, coerced statements, and prolonged detention without trial. We reject the ICE system that treats human beings as disposable because of their immigration status, race, or economic

¹Nicole Acevedo, *How a City in Nebraska is recovering after the state’s largest worksite immigration raid*, NBC News (Jun. 15, 2025, 6:00AM), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/omaha-immigration-workplace-raid-aftermath-rcna212931>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ U.S. CONST. amend. XIV, § 1.

⁵ *Gideon v. Wainwright*, 372 U.S. 335, 342 (1963).



position. We stand with the immigrant community. MWBLSA is committed to creating culturally responsible attorneys who are not only skilled in law but also supportive of the diverse communities we serve.

In solidarity we have planned:

1. Know Your Rights Workshops with resources to legal support for affected communities
2. Coalition Support for Immigrant Rights
3. Collaboration with Immigration Clinic

Sincerely,

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