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**U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement**

September 26, 2025

Mayor Katrina R. Thompson
Municipal Building
2350 South 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60155

Dear Mayor Thompson:

Thank you for your September 26, 2025, letter. The safety and protection of our officers, staff, and those in our custody remain our top priority. Unfortunately, the Broadview Processing Center continues to face violence and unlawful activity by rioters. The relentless actions of these individuals—and their attempts to obstruct the enforcement of federal law—are unacceptable.

As you know, these events come just days after the armed attack on an ICE facility in Dallas, where officers were targeted simply for carrying out their duties. Against that backdrop, chants of “shoot ICE” and physical attempts to breach the Broadview facility cannot be dismissed as peaceful protest. They are direct threats to the lives of federal personnel and to public safety.

We have repeatedly requested assistance from state and local law enforcement, including your own police department, to disperse these unlawful assemblies. Instead, local inaction has enabled agitators to escalate violence and placed federal officers, first responders, and Broadview residents in harm’s way. If our officers were provided the support they need, the crowd control measures referenced in your letter would not be necessary.

These rioters are laying siege and interfering with legitimate law enforcement operations. Failure to help provide relief makes you a party to the obstruction of justice. There will be no change in our operational posture until these unlawful activities cease. The only siege in Broadview is the one being waged against the United States government. You can either continue to be part of the problem or choose to be part of the solution by directing your police to enforce local ordinances and working with us to remove violent offenders.

Should you wish to change course, please do not hesitate to contact Chicago.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Lyons", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Lyons
Acting Director