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BOARD STATEMENT ON ICE ENFORCEMENT

With increased public concern over the federal government's immigration policies and the enforcement of immigration laws by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors and the East Fallowfield Township Police Department want our residents to understand the role of the Township and our police department in immigration enforcement.

The East Fallowfield Township Police Department does not enforce federal immigration laws. Immigration enforcement and policies are the responsibility of the federal government, not our local police. Our officers and Township employees will not inquire about immigration status during police interactions or when residents seek other Township services. The Township does not participate in ICE's 287(g) program, which allows local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws.

The East Fallowfield Township Police Department enforces state criminal laws, traffic laws, and local ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and the public. Our Township police investigate crimes and work hard to protect victims and witnesses, regardless of their immigration status. The Township does not share any information related to witnesses or victims of crime with federal immigration officials.

Our police department does not actively participate in federal immigration enforcement operations. The Department will take only the steps necessary to maintain order and prevent breaches of the peace or other violations of state criminal law, to ensure public safety. To date, the Township is aware of only one instance in which ICE conducted immigration enforcement within the Township, and our police department was informed of the activity after it had concluded, with no involvement by our police department.

It is important for all residents and visitors to understand the practices and policies we follow, as we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our community, regardless of immigration status.