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**CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE “DHS USE OF  
FORCE TRANSPARENCY ACT”**

**WHEREAS,** The “DHS Use of Force Transparency Act,” co-sponsored by Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Congressman Dave Min, would require the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to provide Congress with relevant materials in cases involving use of force, including shootings and deaths in custody; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The legislation would mandate the disclosure of critical materials such as body camera footage, audio recordings, written reports, internal communications, and disciplinary records in an unredacted form to the maximum extent permitted by law; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The bill would apply to incidents occurring after January 20, 2025, including actions taken by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP); *and*

**WHEREAS,** Reports and advocacy organizations have documented numerous allegations of excessive force by federal immigration authorities, including incidents resulting in injury or death of both immigrants and United States citizens; *and*

**WHEREAS,** At least twenty-one individuals have died in ICE custody since October 2025, according to the American Immigration Lawyers Association, raising serious concerns about oversight, accountability, and the protection of human rights; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Recent incidents, including and use of excessive force and deaths in custody of residents from communities such as Dorchester, underscore the urgent need for transparency and independent oversight of federal immigration enforcement practices; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Ensuring timely and full disclosure of use-of-force incidents is essential to maintaining public trust, safeguarding civil liberties, and holding federal agencies accountable to the people they serve; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council expresses its strong support for the “DHS Use of Force Transparency Act,” and urges the United States Congress to pass this

critical legislation, and calls upon federal authorities to prioritize transparency, accountability, and the protection of civil and human rights in all immigration enforcement activities.

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