

ICE plans to fine women seeking sanctuary from deportation



Washington, December 13 (RHC)-- Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, has again attempted to issue fines as large as a half-million dollars against immigrants who have taken sanctuary in churches across the country to resist their deportations.

ICE sent warning letters to seven immigrants, threatening them with fines and criminal prosecution. This comes after it tried to issue fines last summer but had to revoke them.

David Bennion, an attorney at Free Migration Project working with some of the sanctuary leaders, said the fines are unconstitutional because they restrict freedom of speech and violate the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

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