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Texas Tech Law's Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild Calls for Action and Solidarity Against ICE's Targeting of Immigrant Students

The Texas Tech Law Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) strongly condemns the recent actions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under the current Trump administration, which have resulted in the unjust arrest, detentions and targeting of international graduate students. These actions are further examples of a cruel and xenophobic agenda that seeks to instill fear in immigrant communities, students of color, and to disrupt the lives of students pursuing their education. We refuse to stand by idly as our government weaponizes the immigration system to terrorize those seeking knowledge and opportunity, and using their voices to stand against injustices around the world. These actions serve no legitimate purpose, and targeting students on technicalities is not about national security; it is about censorship, exclusion, and oppression. The Texas Tech Law Chapter of the NLG stands firmly with students, immigrant communities, and all those facing persecution at the hands of ICE. We will continue to advocate for legal support, protection, and action against these injustices.

Today, March 27, 2025, it has been reported nationally that University of Alabama doctoral student Alireza Doroudi was detained off campus by federal immigration authorities, and is currently being held in a detention facility. The news of this detainment comes just one day after a video emerged showing a Tufts University graduate student, Rumeysa Ozturk, being arrested in the street in Massachusetts by ICE officers. Several other students and recent graduates have been seized or have had federal warrants issued for their arrest in recent weeks, including Columbia University graduate and Palestinian activist Mahmoud Khalil, who is being detained in Louisiana. Columbia University student Tunseo Chung, a permanent U.S. resident, also faces a deportation order but a judge ruled this week she cannot legally be detained.

The Texas Tech Law Chapter of the NLG urges our university and communities to take a stand. Texas Tech University and institutions nationwide must take immediate and unequivocal action to defend their students:

1. **Publicly condemn ICE's actions** and affirm their commitment to protecting all students
2. **Refuse to cooperate with ICE beyond what is legally required**, ensuring student privacy and safety
3. **Provide legal and financial resources** to students impacted by immigration enforcement
4. **Strengthen sanctuary policies** that prohibit ICE from using campus resources to target students
5. **Educate and mobilize** students, faculty, and the broader community to resist these oppressive tactics

We remain committed to radical change, collective action, and the dismantling of oppressive systems in pursuit of true justice. As a chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, we have a continued duty to the people rather than property interests and private entities that do not put human needs first. We are committed to uphold our duty to defend the rights and dignity of people, not the interests of institutions who fail to put human lives at the forefront. The targeting of these students is not just infuriating, but a direct attack on the principles of justice and education. But these injustices only reaffirm what we already know: our fight must be united, and our resistance must be unwavering. We will not stand by as our communities are threatened. We will struggle for liberation together.

In solidarity,

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Founded in 1937, the National Lawyers Guild is the oldest and most radical progressive legal organization in the U.S. Committed to dismantling oppression, the NLG's mission is to use law for the people—not property or profit—by advocating for human rights, racial and economic justice, and systemic change.