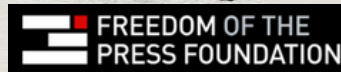


The STOP EXCESSIVE FORCE IN IMMIGRATION ACT would strictly limit immigration enforcement personnel's use of certain "less than lethal" equipment, such as tear gas, flash bangs, and pepper balls, to pre-approved cases targeting verified national security or substantial public safety threats and require specific certification and training.

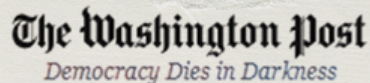
Examples of Federal agents causing unnecessary harm with covered equipment:



Chicago journalist shot with crowd-control munition by federal officers



Federal agent throws tear gas canister from SUV on busy Chicago street



ICE shoots pastor in head with pepper ball



Pepper ball fired at CBS Chicago reporter part of incidents involving media outside Broadview ICE facility.



Federal agents broke windows, handcuffed teens in Oceanside immigration operation

The STOP EXCESSIVE FORCE IN IMMIGRATION ACT would raise the standard for the use of force from “a reasonable grounds to believe that such force is necessary” to the current DOJ standard of “no reasonably effective, safe, and feasible alternative appears to exist.” The bill also implements additional requirements that personnel exercise force “proportionally,” use de-escalation techniques, and minimize risk to third persons. It also includes safeguards to ensure immigration enforcement has clear guidance, allowing them to defend their safety and the safety of others, while also holding personnel to a strong standard.

Examples of federal agents using excessive force:



'I feel betrayed': ICE beat and detained his father.
Now this Marine is speaking out.



Journalists grabbed, shoved by ICE agents in New York
immigration court, video shows



ICE officer seen on video pushing woman to
ground has returned to duty