



Resolution Condemning the Killing of Alex Jeffrey Pretti

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2026, 37-year-old Alex Jeffrey Pretti, an ICU nurse in the Veterans Affairs hospital in Minneapolis, was fatally shot by federal immigration enforcement agents during a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) operation in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Alex Pretti was a federal worker and an active member of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 3669, and his killing by federal agents underscores that federal workers, union members, and the communities they serve are not immune from the violence and overreach of militarized federal enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, Alex Pretti's death has raised urgent concerns about the repeated use of lethal force by federal immigration law enforcement personnel — including agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Border Patrol — and has intensified ongoing debates about the accountability of these agencies and their role in American communities; and

WHEREAS, the protection of human life, civil liberties, constitutional rights, and due process under law are fundamental principles shared by working people and labor organizations nationwide; and

WHEREAS, many public officials and civil society organizations, in light of the serious risks to public safety, community trust, and democratic norms posed by immigration enforcement operations and the pattern of fatal shootings connected to these operations, have urged a reevaluation of spending priorities, including the allocation of taxpayer funds to the DHS and its enforcement components; and

WHEREAS, union members, federal workers, and local communities oppose the escalation of militarized domestic enforcement tactics that jeopardize civilian lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Goddard Engineers, Scientists, and Technicians Association (GESTA), International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) Local 29, unequivocally condemns the murder of Alex Jeffrey Pretti and calls for a full, transparent, and independent investigation into the circumstances of his death and the prosecution of those responsible for his killing, as well as investigation/prosecution of all other ICE and Border Patrol killings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that GESTA urges ICE and U.S. Border Patrol to immediately suspend violent federal immigration enforcement operations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that GESTA calls on the United States Congress to reject any federal spending bill that would provide additional funding for ICE, or Border Patrol until such time as Congress has enacted meaningful legislative reforms to end militarized immigration enforcement operations and ensure accountability for the use of force by federal officers while requiring the use of formal identification badges, and the removal of face masks and disguises; and be it further

RESOLVED, that GESTA urges the IFPTE to adopt a formal national resolution calling on Congress to refuse passage of any DHS funding appropriations bill that would continue or expand enforcement operations that endanger civilian lives; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the international leadership of IFPTE, to all members of Congress representing the districts in which this local union resides, and to local and national press outlets, civil rights organizations, and community stakeholders advocating for humane immigration policy and police accountability.