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Statement on the Fatal ICE Shooting in Biddeford

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Statement from Nathan Davis, Executive Director, and the Gateway Community Services Maine Board

Today, our hearts are with the family, friends, and loved ones grieving the killing of Johan Sebastián Duran Guerrero during an immigration enforcement operation in Biddeford.

At Gateway Community Services Maine, we condemn the terror and violence being inflicted upon our communities. ICE activity has undermined the safety and dignity to which every human being is entitled.

We are carrying grief, fear, anger, and uncertainty. To our communities—and to all those standing in solidarity with our communities who are carrying that weight—we want you to know that you are not alone.

While many details surrounding this incident are still being investigated, we join others in calling for a prompt, independent, and transparent investigation. Johan's family deserves answers. Our community deserves answers. Transparency, accountability, and justice are essential to honoring Johan's life and the profound loss experienced by his loved ones and our communities.

In this moment, we must care for one another. We encourage people to seek information from trusted sources, avoid sharing unverified reports, respect the family's privacy, and extend compassion to those who are grieving or living with fear and uncertainty.

For those looking for ways to offer support, please consider contributing to the fundraiser organized by Johan's family and advocates or to the Maine Solidarity Fund, which provides emergency support to individuals and families facing detention and other threats to their safety and stability.

Nathan Davis and the GSCM Board of Directors
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