

**Small Business ICE Disruption Fund Act**  
**Small Business Committee Ranking Member Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.)**

## **The Trump Administration's Abuses Are Hurting America's Small Businesses**

Since the start of the Trump administration, incursions into communities by Trump's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents have caused massive disruptions for America's small businesses, whose customers have been scared off and whose workers have been prevented from doing their jobs and providing for their families.

### **The Small Business ICE Disruption Fund Act Delivers Real Relief for Main Street**

The *Small Business ICE Disruption Fund Act* would provide grants to businesses that have experienced losses of 25 percent or more due to disruptions caused by Trump's ICE enforcement actions.

#### **Helping America's Small Businesses Recover**

- Grants would be available to small businesses, as defined in the *Small Business Act*, that are located in an area where a federal immigration enforcement action has taken place in the last year and that can demonstrate revenue losses of at least 25 percent due to immigration enforcement activity. The grant is not open to any business that has more than 15 locations or that is a publicly traded company.

#### **Ensuring Grants are Distributed Fairly**

- Grant amounts are to be equal to the business's immigration enforcement-related revenue loss, which is calculated by subtracting the business's gross receipts during the immigration enforcement action from those during a comparable time, as determined by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA). Grants would be no greater than \$500,000 per physical location of the application and no greater than \$1 million in total.

#### **Guaranteeing Every Dollar Benefits Small Businesses and Workers**

- A grantee would have to certify that losses were caused by a federal immigration enforcement action and that it has not received compensation from other sources to make up for those losses. Furthermore, the SBA Administrator would be required to implement fraud checks on applicants, including verification of the business's employee Identification number, review of tax returns to verify past income, and cross-checking applications against existing government databases to ensure that anyone previously convicted of fraud cannot receive a grant.