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ANA-Ohio Condemns Deadly Shooting of ICU Nurse Alex Pretti, Calls for Immediate Congressional Action

Ohio – [January 2026] — The American Nurses Association-Ohio (ANA-Ohio) mourns the tragic loss of Alex Jeffrey Pretti, a 37-year-old registered intensive care nurse who was shot and killed by federal law enforcement officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 24, 2026. Pretti dedicated his life to caring for others as an ICU nurse at a Veterans Affairs medical center and was actively engaged in his community at the time of the incident.

“This letter is written with a heavy heart. Today, our nursing community is grieving...” reads ANA-Ohio’s letter to Ohio’s U.S. Senators. *“We have lost a fellow registered nurse in an act of violence connected to immigration enforcement. This event... cuts us deeply. As nurses, we are troubled by violence and shootings, and they must stop.”*

In the wake of this devastating event, ANA-Ohio calls on Ohio’s federal elected officials and the nursing community to advocate for immediate action to prevent further violence and to ensure meaningful oversight of federal enforcement activities.

The American Nurses Association also issued a national statement denouncing Pretti’s killing and urging nurses across the country to take action. The ANA emphasized that Pretti’s life mattered and that his death highlights the urgent need for accountability and policy reforms to protect communities and uphold civil liberties. ANA is encouraging all nurses to send letters to Congress via <https://ow.ly/AXIJ50Y3L2S>, making clear that nurses demand immediate action.

ANA-Ohio Asks Ohio’s Senators to Act Now

In its letter to Ohio’s U.S. Senators, ANA-Ohio requested the following:

- Support a pause in federal funding for enforcement operations until there is robust congressional oversight and transparent review of conduct by federal agents.
- Uphold the constitutional rights of individuals to speak, assemble, and advocate peacefully without fear of violence or death.
- Advocate for policies that protect safe workplaces and community health, ensuring that federal enforcement does not undermine access to care or community trust.

ANA also Calls for Immediate Congressional Action

- An independent and transparent investigation into Alex Pretti’s killing.
- A full reform of the administration’s strategy that places federal immigration enforcement in our communities.



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- An immediate end to federal immigration enforcement efforts that impede a safe workplace environment and/or breach of HIPAA requirements, and the ability to provide care in all healthcare settings.
- No further funding of federal immigration enforcement activities until there are robust hearings and congressional oversight of the conduct of federal immigration enforcement officers within our communities and care settings.

ANA-Ohio President Rebecca M. Patton, DNP, RN, CNOR, FAAN states, “As nurses, we uphold the fundamental rights enshrined in the U.S. Constitution... We unequivocally support the First Amendment rights of every individual to speak out, to peacefully assemble, and to advocate for change without fear of violence or death.”

ANA-Ohio encourages nurses and concerned citizens throughout Ohio to contact their U.S. Senators and voice support for accountability and oversight using [ANA’s RNAction Center](#).

About the American Nurses Association–Ohio (ANA-Ohio):

The American Nurses Association–Ohio (ANA-Ohio) is the trusted professional registered nurses’ association dedicated to promoting excellence in nursing practice, fostering high standards of nursing care, and advocating for the rights and interests of nurses across Ohio. Through education, advocacy, leadership, resources, and support, ANA-Ohio empowers nurses to improve health care.

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