

Minnesota Truth Council

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Your story matters. Thank you for your interest in sharing your story about what you experienced during federal immigration enforcement actions with the Governor's Council on Recording the Truth of Operation Metro Surge and Operation PARRIS (Minnesota Truth Council). Your participation in this conversation is completely voluntary. You are free to skip any question that the story collector asks or stop the conversation at any time. You can also share information you think is important even if the story collector doesn't ask about it.

The information you provide will be considered a public record, which means it may be disclosed if formally requested pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. You can choose to give your story anonymously if you do not want to be publicly identified but do want your story to be included. Please only share information that you are comfortable being public.

What will the Truth Council do with my story?

All stories and other information gathered for the Minnesota Truth Council will be stored on a secure server hosted by a law firm. Your story collector will not keep the recording or their notes about your story. The Truth Council will also attempt to remove the names of any other people that you mention in your story, since they will not have consented to sharing their story. Your story will be reviewed and analyzed by the Minnesota Truth Council when it writes its report on what happened in Minnesota.

What will happen to my story after the Truth Council ends?

The Minnesota Truth Council may recommend that the state maintain a public archive of stories and other information about federal immigration enforcement actions. An archive is a collection of first-hand information on a topic. Your story would become part of that public archive.

What are the risks of participating?

We recognize that providing a story to the Minnesota Truth Council carries risks. You can choose what facts you would like to be part of the historical record. You may have information that could put you or other community members at risk of legal and/or immigration consequences or other harm. You can reduce that risk by not sharing that information or sharing your story anonymously.

We also recognize that sharing personal information can cause feelings of fear or anxiety, whether talking about the actions of federal agents in general or your specific experiences. Remember that we can stop collecting your story at any time. The list of referrals we gave you at the beginning also has resources for mental health care.

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Consent and level of confidentiality

By submitting a story to the Minnesota Truth Council, you consent to it using your story in the report it will issue in December 2026. The Minnesota Truth Council may also use it in deciding on themes for public meetings. You can decide whether to be anonymous or publicly identified in your story.

	How will my name be used?	Can I withdraw my consent?	Can I be quoted?
ANONYMOUS	Name recorded by the story collector to track who they have talked to, but only seen by the people running the collecting process. Will not be linked to story content. No key or connection between name and statement.	No, because story will not be linked to name.	Story will only appear in summaries or paraphrases with no ID.
PUBLIC	Name connected to story and potentially released publicly.	Yes. Can make story anonymous, but cannot remove name from already published materials.	Story may be directly quoted and may include identifying information.

Please confirm the level of confidentiality you would like during the Minnesota Truth Council operations:

- Anonymous story:** I do not want my name connected to my story in any way.
- Public story:** I consent to have my name included with my story, and I give permission to the Minnesota Truth Council to use my name in public reports or to invite me to speak at public meetings.

Thank you for contributing your story to help the Minnesota Truth Council create a crucial historical record of what Minnesotans experienced during Operation Metro Surge and Operation PARRIS. Every story is important!

If you have any questions, contact the Minnesota Truth Council at MNTruthCouncil@advrights.org or the person collecting your story.