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Notes from editor (not for publication):

Hi, Bill — Sorry this took so long — we’ve been slammed with contributions, and there’s only one of me. I’ve added the names of agents who killed Alex Pretti, which were revealed after you wrote this. I also added a little bit to clarify that it’s multiple DHS organizations other than ICE responsible for this terror — and hope I did so without dragging it down. Thanks so much — Jeff



HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

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1 Those who condone unrestrained brutality should ‘pay a
2 big price’

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4 TEXT BODY:

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5 On Jan. 13, amid widespread killings of demonstrators in
6 Iran, President Trump posted on Truth Social “Iranian Patriots,
7 KEEP PROTESTING—TAKE OVER YOUR INSTITUTIONS!!! Save the names
8 of the killers and abusers. They will pay a big price.”

9 However, Trump justified the killing of Renée Good in
10 Minneapolis, falsely claiming she “willfully and viciously” ran
11 over a federal immigration officer who was “recovering in the
12 hospital.” (Video evidence shows the agent, Jonathan Ross,
13 briskly walking away after shooting Good.)

14 Vice President J.D. Vance and other White House
15 officials (sounding remarkably like Ayatollah Ali Khamenei)
16 dutifully parroted that Good and her wife were “professional left-
17 wing agitators” engaged in an act of “domestic terrorism.” The
18 Department of Justice already has exonerated Ross and blocked
19 Minnesota officials from conducting their own investigation.

20 When Alex Pretti was killed by two federal officers —
21 later identified as Border Patrol agent Jesus Ochoa and Customs
22 and Border Protection officer Raymundo Gutierrez — Secretary
23 of Homeland Security Kristi Noem and FBI Director Kash Patel
24 rushed to judgment, branding Pretti a “violent agitator” who
25 intended to massacre agents.

26 Videos show Pretti holding a phone, not a gun. He was
27 shot numerous times while at least four ICE and border patrol
28 officers restrained him. Trump, instead of calling for an
29 investigation, blamed the Minneapolis police for not protecting
30 these agents.

31 Why does the president call Iranian demonstrators
32 “patriots” but brand American demonstrators insurrectionists?
33 Why does he say that Iranian security forces will pay a big price
34 for killing demonstrators while his administration does nothing to
35 hold ICE accountable for shooting Good and Pretti?

36 It’s time for Americans to adopt the advice Trump
37 tweeted to Iranians. Remember the names of not just the
38 shooters, but also Trump’s appointees and the politicians who
39 condone the Homeland Security agencies’ unrestrained brutality.

40 They need to pay a big price next November, if not
41 sooner.

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