

Reports From Speak Out Members Around the U.S.

The Triangle, North Carolina: **Local Police Step Up Collaboration With ICE, and Get Paid for Their Efforts**

North Carolina is intensifying collaboration with ICE through mandatory jail cooperation, expanded police partnerships, and sheriff-assisted checkpoints.

At a Tabor City checkpoint, cops questioned Latino drivers about their birthplace and demanded passengers' documents. Siembra NC reported at least ten arrests.

DHS gives bonuses to local police who help them. The Brookford police department got \$126,500 in transport, equipment and salary funding from ICE and DHS.

Some local politicians say they oppose ICE. If they mean it, they could stop local law enforcement from receiving incentive bonuses from ICE for snatching up immigrant workers. But none of our politicians are willing to take this even this small action against ICE. Talk is cheap.

Baltimore, Maryland: **We Don't Want to Build Killing Machines**

Last week, Trump came to Baltimore County to brag about plans to build even more weapons in Maryland. A planned wind turbine factory at Sparrows Point has been cancelled due to government opposition. Instead, the site will be used by military tech company Anduril to build parts for submarines

Military vehicles and weaponry components are already shipped out of the Port of Baltimore, against the wishes of many of the workers there, who don't want to contribute to war and genocide all over the world. Maryland workers deserve stable jobs, but we also deserve to take pride in our work! Any new manufacturing facility should help meet the needs of everyone in our society, not to inflate Trump's ego and enrich Anduril and other companies that profit from war and killing.

We live in the wealthiest country in the world, and it is our labor that has created all of this wealth. We aren't the ones who benefit from this. The super rich — the bosses of the big corporations and banks — keep the wealth and make all the decisions. Working people do the work that makes society run, and we can organize to unite our forces. When we do, we have enormous power to change things and make a better world.

Bay Area, California: **SF Transit Report Shows What We Already Know**

The San Francisco comptroller's office released a report on the economic impacts of service cuts to Muni (SF's public transit system) if a property tax funding proposition fails to pass this November. They found that reduced frequency, elimination of routes, and cuts to night service would hurt the city's economy. Well duh!

Thousands of people rely on Muni every day to get to work, school, the grocery store, the doctor, you name it. Yet the idea that cutting the bus lines that workers take to their jobs would be bad for business seems to be a surprise to the city government. Anyone who needs Muni to get around could have told them how important it is to keep the system running. But city officials had to hear it in terms they understand -- "how much money would we lose?"

Newark, New Jersey: **Delivery Robots Nobody Asked For**

Two years ago, automated delivery robots began appearing on the streets of Jersey City. The size of a big picnic basket with 6 wheels and a screen on the front, these robots were the first of a fleet intended to "disrupt" the food delivery business. At first there were only a few, now there are hundreds, and they have drawn mixed opinions. While some find them cute and are happy because they don't need to tip, most find them annoying. They stop in awkward locations, don't read walking cues, and occasionally get stuck on things or tip over.

Nobody asked for these robots, yet here they are, getting in our way and taking the jobs of delivery workers. All so that Uber Eats and Grubhub can cut their labor costs and increase their profits.

