

Biography of Ryan Ecklund

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Funding Lapse and Security Gaps: Assessing the Harmful Impacts of the DHS
Shutdown on Americans

Ryan Ecklund is a lifelong Minnesotan. He lives in Woodbury, Minnesota with his wife and two sons, and he works as a real estate agent.

On January 12, 2026, Ryan was arrested by ICE agents for following and filming them. After he saw ICE agents patrolling the parking lot of his local grocery store, Ryan decided to follow from a safe distance in his car while filming. The agents stopped him, took a picture of his face, and drove to his house. After Ryan continued following them, the agents blocked his car in, dragged him out of his door, and arrested him. He was held in detention for over nine hours before being released without charges.

Ryan has testified before the Minnesota Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. His story has been covered by the Wall Street Journal, Minnesota Public Radio, the Financial Times, and local TV and radio stations in Minneapolis.