

Lawyers, Law Students, and Scholars call upon the Association for Computer Machinery to drop Palantir's sponsorship of Inaugural ACM Symposium on Computer Science and Law while the tech company continues to contract with ICE

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We, the undersigned, are lawyers, law students, and concerned scholars at universities, firms, and companies nationwide. We call on the Association for Computer Machinery to drop Palantir's sponsorship of its symposium on October 28th while the tech company continues to contract with ICE.

Palantir sells two tools to ICE. The first, Investigative Case Management (ICM), is “mission critical” to ICE's efforts, according to government documents, and was used at the border to investigate the families and sponsors of children who crossed the border alone. The operation, designed specifically to dissuade children from joining family in the United States, resulted in the arrests of at least 443 people over 90 days.

Palantir's second tool, FALCON, is used by agents that lead workplace raids, which increased by 650% during President Trump's first year in office. It has led to the arrest of thousands of vulnerable workers every year just for being undocumented. During a raid in which ICE agents hit 7-11s nationwide, all agents were told to download Palantir's FALCON mobile app for use during the raid. FALCON is also used by agents who lead raids like those in Mississippi in early August, when almost 700 people were arrested en masse during the first day of school, leaving some children without either parent when they came home. At least two children were left alone for eight days because both of their parents were arrested and detained by ICE. It is notable that the raids in Mississippi targeted workers who had recently begun to organize for better working conditions.

Palantir can *and must* cancel both of these contracts. The company's ICM contract was up for renewal on September 20, while its FALCON contract is up on November 27. We know Palantir workers, academics, and a wide coalition of ordinary citizens from Latinx and Jewish groups have called for the company to drop its contracts, but executives have ignored these calls, calculating that it's better business for the company to aid Trump's efforts to separate families than to stand on the right side of history.

Palantir needs to reconsider. There are dozens of schools represented by the students who have signed this pledge. All of us are committed to pursuing Palantir across our campuses. We will kick recruiters out of

career fairs, protest company speakers on campus, and implore our university administrators to drop the company's sponsorship at every turn.

We are not alone. Earlier this year, hundreds of academics forced U.C. Berkeley to drop Palantir as a sponsor of the Privacy Law Scholars Conference. In late August, Lesbians Who Tech dropped Palantir as a sponsor, citing its work for immigration enforcement. And just two days later, the Grace Hopper Celebration, the largest conference for women tech workers worldwide, dropped Palantir just hours after learning of its role in human rights abuses.

As Palantir's complicity in human rights abuses becomes widely known, the more the company's recruitment will decline and the more its business will suffer. Palantir will become a pariah, shut off from academia and computer science talent until it puts human lives over profit.

As lawyers and academics, have the responsibility and the leverage to change the role that this technology plays in our society. We will not use it, defend it, or build it.

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Hi NAME,

I'm writing to invite you to join me, NAME, NAME, & dozens of other lawyers, academics, and law students in signing this letter. We are calling on the **Association for Computer Machinery to drop Palantir's sponsorship of its October 28th symposium while the tech company continues to contract with ICE**. See here for the full text of the letter here. Please forward to any other lawyers, academics, or law students you think might be interested in joining us.

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Thank you for your time.

Best,