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RE: Immigration Raids Targeting Families Are an Affront to American Values.

We, the following state, local, and national organizations, write in strong opposition to [reports](#) that Immigration and Customs Enforcement will conduct immigration raids this weekend targeting parents and children. Immigration raids separate families, leave children stranded without their loved ones, and disrupt our communities. These reported raids are an affront to our shared values and a misuse of taxpayer dollars.

We are very alarmed that President Trump boasted about deporting and separating families before kicking off his 2020 presidential campaign. Any political strategy built on separating children from their parents has no place in our country. We urge you to refrain from using immigration raids as a campaign tool to stoke fear and division in the United States.

We stand ready to respond to any planned enforcement actions and to ensure all individuals are informed of their rights when interacting with immigration enforcement officers. We reject any attempts to paint immigrants as criminals or to [falsely claim](#) that the majority of immigrant families do not attend their court hearings. Immigrant families make invaluable contributions to our nation and every newly arriving generation makes our country stronger.

In conclusion, we demand that you cancel the planned enforcement actions.

Signed,

### **State/Local Organizations**

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.  
Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice  
Alliance San Diego  
Arab-American Family Support Center  
Arkansas United  
Bangladeshi American Women's Development Initiative (BAWDiP)  
Bend the Arc Jewish Action: New York  
Bend the Arc San Luis Obispo  
Bend the Arc South Florida  
Bend the Arc: Southern California  
Bend the Arc: Pittsburgh  
Black Immigrant Collective  
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, Inc.  
California Partnership  
California WIC Association  
CASA  
Churches United For Fair Housing | CUFFH  
Coachella Valley Immigrant Dignity Coalition  
Coalición de Derechos Humanos  
Coalition for Hispanic Family Services

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Community Resource Center  
Culinary Union  
DC-MD Justice For Our Neighbors  
Dominican Women's Development Center  
Douglas County Democrats  
Dream Project  
East Valley Indivisibles  
Erie Neighborhood House  
First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission  
Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC)  
Florida Student Power Network  
Friends of Miami-Dade Detainees  
Grand Island Latino Network  
Ground Game LA  
Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama  
Hispanic Liaison / El Vínculo Hispano  
Immigration Hub  
Indivisible Denver  
Indivisible Highlands Ranch  
Jacksonville Progressive Coalition (JPC)

Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action  
Justice for Our Neighbors Michigan  
Make the Road Nevada  
MinKwon Center for Community Action  
New American Welcome Center at the University  
YMCA  
New Florida Majority  
New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta  
NorCal Resist  
Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA)  
Organize Florida  
Parent Revolution  
People Organized for Westside Renewal (POWER)  
PLAN Action  
Plymouth Congregational UCC Church  
Resistance 5280  
SEIU - Workers United Southern Region  
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network  
(SIREN)  
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest  
St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America  
(IFCLA)  
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition  
Unidos MN  
United Service Workers West-SEIU  
Virginia Organizing  
Vote Allies  
Women's March Florida Jacksonville  
Yemeni Alliance Committee

### **National Organizations**

Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors  
Alianza Americas  
America's Voice  
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)  
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee  
(ADC)  
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund  
(AALDEF)  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
Bridges Faith Initiative  
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
Center For Popular Democracy  
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.

Church World Service  
Daily Kos  
Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries  
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)  
Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement  
Fred & Gilda Nobel Foundation  
Freedom for Immigrants  
Hispanic Federation  
Human Rights Campaign  
Jobs With Justice Education Fund  
KOL Foods  
Latino Victory Project  
Legal Aid at Work  
Main Street Alliance  
Mi Familia Vota  
MoveOn  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Education Association  
National Equality Action Team (NEAT)  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee  
Rights  
National Survivor Network  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
People Demanding Action  
People For the American Way  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Institute Justice  
Team  
SPLC Action  
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights  
The Advocates for Human Rights  
The Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human  
Rights  
UFW Foundation  
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights