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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  
Eric 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)
Abriendo Puertas/Openings 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