

March 23, 2017

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Speaker Paul Ryan
1233 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi
U.S. Capitol H-204
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

We, the undersigned immigration, refugee, faith, labor, civil liberties, victim services, conservation, environmental, educational and legal services organizations, write to urge you to reject the excessive and unnecessary supplemental funding request for detention and deportation programs, as well as the border wall. The Administration's supplemental funding request amounts to a down payment on the unpopular and un-American policies outlined in President Trump's Executive Orders, policies that are cruel, needlessly expensive and will make us all less safe. We urge you to refuse to fund mass detention and deportation programs without prioritization that promise to ensnare millions of immigrants in the United States, and divert precious resources to the construction of a costly and ineffective border wall.

The Administration has submitted a supplemental appropriations request for \$3 billion dollars to fund construction of a wall along our southern border as well as expansion of detention and deportation efforts to implement the President's Executive Orders. Our nation's federal immigration enforcement agencies already receive more funding than all other federal enforcement agencies combined and increasing that funding will only serve to dramatically expand our nation's deportation apparatus. It makes no sense to spend taxpayers' hard earned money in this way at a time when border apprehensions are lower than they have been for decades, and more people are leaving the U.S. for Mexico than the other way around.

With historic highs of more than 42,000 men, women and children detained daily, the immigration detention system is already unaccountable for its abuses. Documented medical negligence is commonplace and an inspections system rife with loopholes allows contract renewals despite harmful conditions. The Department of Homeland Security's own Advisory Council adopted a report in December sounding the alarm about

“documented occurrences of deficiencies and abuse” occurring unchecked in the immigration detention system. Expanding this system further will put lives at risk and undermine basic due process protections.

President Trump’s executive orders on immigration are designed to create an enforcement regime of unprecedented scale that does not respect due process or American values of fairness. Creating a massive detention system with little oversight; banning Muslims based on their religion; halting the admission of refugees who have fled violence and persecution; conducting deportation raids that terrorize immigrant communities; making every unauthorized immigrant a priority for enforcement; and gutting protections for those fleeing persecution who arrive at our southern border, are all part of the same strategy to severely limit immigration and create an unbearable environment for immigrant families in the United States. The Trump Administration’s Executive Orders on immigration strike at the heart of millions of American families who live in fear of losing a loved one as a result of these draconian policies. Americans know that immigrants are part of their communities and their families and that this is their home.

This Administration has detained Dreamers and has not even publicly committed to protecting young aspiring Americans who are contributing to our communities, our economy and their families under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA. This Administration is solely focused on mindless enforcement, with no focus on addressing the 11 million undocumented immigrants who have strong connections to this country. Given the lack of commitment to a fair and just immigration system, we ask that Members of Congress refuse any request for funding or enforcement-related immigration legislation.

Specifically, we urge you to:

1. Refuse to fund the expansion of the already broken immigration detention system that will further line the pockets of the private prison industry.
2. Refuse to fund President Trump’s southern border wall that will cost billions of dollars and won’t strengthen border security.
3. Refuse to fund the creation of the largest deportation force in history, including increased spending in fiscal year 2018 that will fund 1,000 new ICE agents, 500 CBP agents, and dozens of federal prosecutors and support staff tasked with needlessly expanding the already overly aggressive prosecution of immigration-related offenses.

We ask that you cease any negotiations with the Trump Administration regarding enforcement-related proposals given the harm that is being inflicted upon our communities through the Trump Administration’s immigration policies and Executive Orders and urge you to reject this harmful funding proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Signed:

National:

Adjunct Justice

African American Ministers In Action (AAMIA)

Alianza Americas

Alliance for Citizenship

America's Voice Education Fund

American Civil Liberties Union

American Friends Service Committee

American Immigration Lawyers Association

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)

Americans for Immigrant Justice

Amnesty International USA

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)

Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

Black Alliance for Just Immigration

Break the Cycle

Carmelites, VEDRUNA

Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network

Church World Service

CodePink

Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES)

Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC)

Conference of Major Superiors of Men

Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph

Council of African Imams in America Inc.

Council on American-Islamic Relations

Daughters of Charity - USA

Degrees of Change

Disciples Refugee and Immigration Ministries

Dominican Sisters

Dominican Sisters of Hope

Earthjustice
Faith in Public Life
Farmworker Justice
Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Fuerza Mundial
Futures Without Violence
Global Community in Action
Grassroots Leadership
HIAS
Hispanic Federation
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters - USA, JPIC
Immigrant Defense Project
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Immigration Equality Action Fund
International Rescue Committee
Jewish Voice for Peace
Jobs With Justice
Justice Strategies
Laotian American National Conference
Latin America Working Group
Latino Commission on AIDS
Latino Faith Initiative - H. S. Power and Light Ministries
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
Leadership Team of the Felician Sisters of North America
League of United Latin American Citizens
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Medical Mission Sisters
Mi Familia Vota
MomsRising/MamásConPoder
Muslim Public Affairs Council
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)

National Black Justice Coalition
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
National Council of Churches
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
National Day Laborer Organizing Network
National Employment Law Project
National Empowerment Center
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Justice for Our Neighbors
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Latina/o Psychological Association
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
National Organization for Women
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
Nicaragua Center for Community Action
Office of Peace, Justice, and Ecological Integrity, Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth
Our Revolution
Pax Christi USA
PC (USA) Office of Public Witness
Poligon Education Fund
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Presente.org
Project South
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians)
Queer Detainee Empowerment Project
Redwood Justice Fund
Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES)
Salvadoran American National Network (SANN)
SC Ministry Foundation

School Sisters of Notre Dame
School Sisters of Notre Dame AM Province JPIC Dept
SEA Global
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sierra Club
Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
Sisters of St. Francis Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Committee
Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace
Southern Poverty Law Center
Syrian Community Network
The Advocates for Human Rights
The Borgen Project
The Congregation of St. Joseph Leadership Team
The Jus Semper Global Alliance
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
UFW Foundation
United Methodist Women
Unitarian Universalist Association
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
UNITE HERE
United Child Care, Inc.
United Farm Workers
Wayfare

State and Local:

ACTIONN (Acting in Community Together in Organizing Northern Nevada)

Adelante Mujeres

African Hope Committee

Alianza

Aloha Dream Team

American Gateways

Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey

Apoyo Legal Migrante Asociado (ALMA)

Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Arkansas United Community Coalition

Ascend Educational Fund

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles

Asian Americans United

Asian Law Alliance

Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council

Asylee Women Enterprise

Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera

Bay Area Latin America Solidarity Coalition

Bear Creek United Methodist Church and Congregation Kol AMi Interfaith Partnership

Border Advocates for Justice

Border Advocates for Justice, Douglas, AZ

Bridging Cultures Canby

BronxWorks

Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC

California Faculty Association, California State University, East Bay Chapter

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

Campbell Union High School District

CASA

Casa de Paz

Casa Esther Catholic Worker

Casa Latina

Casita Maria Center for Arts and Education

CATA - El Comite de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agricolas

Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton
Catholic Charities of the East Bay
Catholic Charities of the East Bay
Catholic Charities of West Tennessee
Causa Oregon
Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative (CVIIC)
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indigena Oaxaqueno
Centro de Amistad
CENTRO DEL INMIGRANTE, INC.
Centro Latino Americano
Centro Romero
Chapel of His Glory Family Ministry
Chicago Law and Education Foundation
Chicano Federation of San Diego County
Chinese for Affirmative Action
Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador Episcopal
Church Women United in New York State
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
CLILA-Latino Leaders Coalition
Coalición de Derechos Humanos
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Colectiva Legal del Pueblo
Colin Immigration Law
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
COMITE PRO UNO
Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands
Community Legal Services and Counseling Center
Community Responders Network
Congregational Council of the Dominicans Sister of Mission San Jose
Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.
Crossing Borders - Dubuque
Dandelion Dancetheater
DC - Maryland Justice for Our Neighbors
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Deadly Love Music
Dominican Sisters ~ Grand Rapids
Dominican Sisters of San Rafael
Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa
Downtown Languages
East Bay Community Law Center
Eckert Enyart Attorney's at Law
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos
El Centro del Inmigrante
El Rescate
Employee Rights Center
End Domestic Abuse WI
English Ministry - Korean Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, MO
Enlace Comunitario
Equal Justice Center
Equality California
Equality New Mexico
Equality Ohio
Equality Texas
Erie Neighborhood House
Eve's Place
Faith Action Network
Faith Voices Arkansas
Faithful Friends - a member of the Community Initiative for Visiting Inmates in
Confinement
Family Engagement Institute
Farmworker Association of Florida, Inc
Florida Immigrant Coalition, Inc. (FLIC)
Franciscan Peace Center
Franciscans for Justice
Friends of Broward Detainees
Friends of Miami-Dade Detainees
Friends of Orange County Detainees

Garbanzos Law PC
Georgia Detention Watch
Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Gitana Productions
Global Unity Project
Gospel Justice Committee, Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, O'Fallon, MO
Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition
Greater Rochester Coalition for Immigration Justice
Grupo de Apoyo e Integracion Hispanoamericano
HACES
Hana Center
Highland Park-Highwood Legal Aid Clinic
Hilton Head for Peace
HISPANIC CONNECTION OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
Hope Border Institute
Houston: reVision
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas
Hunts Point Alliance for Children
IGLESIA DEL NAZARENO EN OREGON
IHM Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Immigrant Connection- Greenville Multicultural
Immigrant Defenders Law Center
Immigrant Hope Santa Barbara
Immigrant Justice Action Group, First Unitarian Church, Portland
Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County, Colorado
Immigrant Services Network of Austin
Immigration Center for Women and Children
Immigration Counseling Service (ICS)
Immigration Resource Center of San Gabriel Valley
Importa Santa Barbara
Indivisible Pleasantville
International Institute of New England

Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Ironbound Community Corporation
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement
Japanese American Citizens League, San Jose Chapter
JINA Immigration Legal Services
Jobs With Justice East Tennessee
JPIC Committee of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Julie Caron Sims LCSW
Justice for All
Justice for Our Neighbors Southeastern Michigan
Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Kids for College
Kino Border Initiative
KIPP Bay Area Schools
Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center
KIWA (Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance)
Korean Resource Center
La Casa de Amistad
La Hermandad Hank Lacayo Youth & Family Center
La Luz Hispana
La Union del Pueblo Entero
LALDEF
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
Las Cruces CIVIC (Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement)
Latin America Solidarity Committee--Milwaukee
Latino Hispanic American Community Center of the Greater Harrisburg Region
Latinos for Healthcare Equity
Latinos Unidos of the Hudson Valley
Law Offices of Eric P Escamilla, Inc
Legal Aid Justice Center's Immigrant Advocacy Program
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY
Literacy Volunteers of MONmouth County
Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
Make the Road New York
Maplewood Huddle
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Mid-North America Province: Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project
Migrant Rights Collective
Migration Resource Center
Ministerios Nuevo Amanecer
MinKwon Center for Community Action
Mission Graduates
Mississippi Center for Justice
Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project
Mujeres Latinas en Accion
National Council of Jewish Women Seattle Section
National Wesleyan Church
Nevada Paralegal Center LLC
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New Voice Immigration Assistance Services
NH Conference Immigration Working Group
NM Comunidades en Accion y de Fe
North Carolina Council of Churches
North County Immigration Task Force
North Georgia Immigrant Justice
Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors
Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Northern Valley Catholic Social Service
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
New York/Toronto Province: Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
NYS Interfaith Network for Immigration Reform
Oakland Law Collaborative
OCCORD (Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development)

Ohio Council of Churches
OneAmerica
OneJustice
Pangea Legal Services
Pax Christi Florida
Peace and Justice Office, La Grange Park Center Cong. of St. Joseph
Peace Over Violence
Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition
Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Polonians Organized to Minister to Our Community, Inc.
POMONA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER
Pontius Law LLC
Presbytery of the Cascades, Presbyterian Church (USA)
Progreso: Latino Progress
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada Action Fund
Project Hope-Proyecto Esperanza
Project IRENE
Public Counsel
Puentes Advocacy Counseling & Education
Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action(PSARA)
Reformed Church of Highland Park
Refugee Services of Texas
Refugee Transitions
Refugees Helping Refugees RHR
Refugio del Rio Grande
Region VI Coalition for Responsible Investment
Religious Sisters of Charity
Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty
RITA-Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance
Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
San Antonio Region Justice For Our Neighbors
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc.
San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center

Sanctuary for Families
Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Families
Sisters of Charity of New York
Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross
Sisters of Mercy South Central Community
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community
Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, Central South Province
Sisters of Saint Francis Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission
Sisters Of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA
Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania OH
Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio
Sisters of St. Francis, St. Francis Province
Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston
Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester
Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield
Sisters of the Humility of Mary
Sisters of St. Francis, St. Francis Province
SJSU Human Rights Institute
Skagit Immigrant Rights Council
SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE
South Asian Fund For Education, Scholarship and Training (SAFEST)
South Texas Human Rights Center
Southern Border Communities Coalition
Southwest Environmental Center
Southwestern Law School Immigration Law Clinic
SSJ Peace and Justice Committee
StopTrumpNow
Tacoma Community House
Takoma Park Mobilization
Templo Calvario Church
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition
Tennessee Immigrant Empowerment Solutions
The Green Valley/Sahuarita Samaritans
UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic

Unidad Latina en Accion (ULA)
University Leadership Initiative
University of San Francisco Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic
University Unitarian Church
UnLocal, Inc.
UpValley Family Centers of Napa County
Urban Health Plan
UUPLAN-Immigration Justice
Ventura County Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice
Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
VietLead
Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)
Virginia Council of Churches
Vitendo4Africa
Volunteers of Legal Service
Washington Defender Association
Washington Immigration Defense Group
Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Wayne Action for Racial Equality
WeCount!
WESPAC Foundation
Workers Defense Project
Workers' Center of Central New York
Worksafe
You're Welcome Here! (Dubuque, IA)
YWCA Greater Austin