

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](http://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