

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

September 29, 2010

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to express our concern about the dangerous merger of the federal immigration enforcement system with state criminal justice systems. In this merger, non-citizens are channeled into federal immigration enforcement via charges or convictions for offenses that pose no threat to public safety and through reliance on a criminal justice system often characterized by racial disparities<sup>1</sup>, racial profiling and racially biased policing.

This situation is not cured by the preliminary injunction granted in the Department of Justice's (DOJ) most welcome challenge to key portions of Arizona's SB 1070, a state law that seeks to drive immigrants out of Arizona by instructing local criminal justice agencies to demand documentation from anyone they stop whom they have "reasonable suspicion" to believe is in the country unlawfully.<sup>2</sup> DOJ's lawsuit correctly points out that the stated intent of SB 1070 – to make "attrition through enforcement the public policy of all state and local government agencies in Arizona" – is unconstitutional and improper.<sup>3</sup>

At the same time, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) relies upon programs such as 287(g), Secure Communities and the Criminal Alien Program (CAP) which entangle states and localities – including in Arizona – in immigration enforcement without sufficient oversight or regard for fundamental underlying deficiencies in state criminal justice systems themselves, even where the state agencies have a history of racial profiling in their enforcement of *criminal law*.

DHS' immigration enforcement programs have allowed arrests for minor charges, such as driving without a license and petty theft, amounting to no more than a subway ride, to be the gateway for immigration enforcement. They also provide an incentive to state and local police to arrest persons who look or sound "foreign" so that their immigration status may be checked. Once non-citizens are channeled into the immigration enforcement system – regardless of guilt or innocence, severity of the offense or how long ago it occurred, rehabilitation or ties to the community – they face a detention and deportation system with few due process protections.

DHS has a bad track record of failing to ensure that immigration enforcement authority is not granted to local agencies with a history of racial profiling or racially disparate enforcement.<sup>4</sup> Similarly, even as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announces measures to prioritize its use of government resources, the agency has no meaningful screening or oversight in place to ensure that it is not relying on the criminal arrest authority of local enforcement agencies with a history of misconduct. For example, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio – the subject of an ongoing investigation by DOJ's Civil Rights Division and a defendant in numerous civil rights

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<sup>1</sup> Racial disparities exist when the proportion of a racial or ethnic group within the control of the system is greater than the proportion of the group in the general population, after controlling for the level of criminal activity.

<sup>2</sup> Arizona Senate Bill 1070, 49th Leg., 2nd Reg. Sess., Ch. 113 (Az. 2010); *see also* Arizona House Bill 2162, 49th Leg., 2nd Reg. Sess., Ch. 211 (Az. 2010) (amending SB 1070).

<sup>3</sup> *See id.*

<sup>4</sup> *See The Performance of 287(g) Agreements*, OIG-10-63 (Dept. of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, Mar. 2010), [www.dhs.gov/xoig/assets/mgmt/rpts/OIG\\_10-63\\_Mar10.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xoig/assets/mgmt/rpts/OIG_10-63_Mar10.pdf) (last visited Aug. 3, 2010).

lawsuits – **is reportedly responsible for fully a quarter of the persons deported through the 287(g) program nationwide.**<sup>5</sup> Yet Arpaio, under DHS’ authority, continues to terrorize Maricopa County residents.

DHS’ immigration enforcement programs and tools significantly intrude on the criminal justice process itself. ICE detainers<sup>6</sup> often prevent non-citizens (and sometimes citizens) from release on bond or limit access to alternative sentencing or rehabilitative programs. As a result, non-citizens spend significantly more time in jail than citizens arrested on the same charges and at higher cost to localities. Those released on bond despite the detainer may be immediately taken into custody by ICE and not returned to the criminal justice system in order to have the criminal charges resolved, regardless of guilt or innocence, often leaving an arrest warrant in their wake. Also, ICE and local agencies frequently do not honor the 48-hour time limit for taking non-citizens into custody once criminal cases are completed.

According to available data, racial disparities exist at every stage of the criminal justice system: usage of databases, policing, prosecution and sentencing decisions and detention. A two-year study of 13,566 officer-initiated traffic stops in a Midwestern city revealed that non-white drivers were stopped at a higher rate than white drivers.<sup>7</sup> In New York City, over 81% of those stopped by police are Black or Latino, and over 88% of those stopped and frisked are totally innocent.<sup>8</sup> DHS’ immigration enforcement programs exacerbate and incentivize the use of racial profiling and pretextual arrests. A series of governmental and nongovernmental reports in the past few years show that the 287(g) program, Secure Communities and CAP incentivize race as a basis for processing individuals for minor offenses and pretextual arrests.<sup>9</sup> Because police know that immigration status will be checked after an arrest, police have a perverse incentive to target members of the community who look or sound foreign. Local police have gone so far as to set up

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<sup>5</sup> Suzanne Gamboa, “Arizona county deported 26,146,” (Associated Press, July 29, 2010) [http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2010/07/29/arizona\\_county\\_deported\\_26146?mode=PF](http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2010/07/29/arizona_county_deported_26146?mode=PF) (last visited Aug. 2, 2010).

<sup>6</sup> An immigration detainer is a request that a jail notify ICE when an individual is going to be released from detention. The detainer allows the jail to hold an individual for up to 48 hours until ICE takes custody without actual evidence that the person has committed a crime or is unlawfully present in the country.

<sup>7</sup>Leinfelt, F. H. (2006). Racial Influences on the Likelihood of Police Searches and Search Hits: A Longitudinal Analysis from an American Midwestern City. *Police Journal*, 79(3): 238–257.

<sup>8</sup>Bob Herbert, “Watching Certain People” (New York Times, March 1, 2010) <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/02/opinion/02herbert.html> (last visited Aug. 2, 2010).

<sup>9</sup> *Terror and Isolation in Cobb: How Unchecked Police Power under 287(g) Has Torn Families Apart and Threatened Public Safety* (American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, Oct. 2009), <http://www.acluga.org/287gReport.pdf> (last visited Aug. 2, 2010); *Immigration Enforcement: Better Controls Needed over Program Authorizing State and Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Laws* (Government Accountability Office, GAO-09-109, Jan. 2009), [www.gao.gov/new.items/d09109.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d09109.pdf) (last visited Aug. 2, 2010); Aarti Shahani and Judith Greene, *Local Democracy on Ice: Why State and Local Governments Have No Business in Federal Immigration Law Enforcement* (Justice Strategies, Feb. 2009) <http://www.justicestrategies.org/sites/default/files/JS-Democracy-On-Ice-print.pdf> (last visited Aug. 3, 2010); *The Policies and Politics of Local Immigration Enforcement Laws* (American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina Foundation and Immigration & Human Rights Policy Clinic, University of North Carolina, Feb. 2009) <http://www.law.unc.edu/documents/clinicalprograms/287gpolicyreview.pdf> (last visited Aug. 2, 2010); *The Persistence of Racial Profiling in Gwinnett: Time for Transparency, Accountability, and an End to 287(g)* (American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia, March 2010), <http://www.acluga.org/GwinnettRacialReportFinal1.pdf> (last visited Aug. 2, 2010); Mai Thi Nguyen and Hannah Gill, *The 287(g) Program: The Costs and Consequences of Local Immigration Enforcement in North Carolina Communities* (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Feb. 2010) [http://isa.unc.edu/migration/287g\\_report\\_final.pdf](http://isa.unc.edu/migration/287g_report_final.pdf) (last visited Aug. 2, 2010); Trevor Gardner II and Aarti Kohli, *The C.A.P. Effect: Racial Profiling in the ICE Criminal Alien Program* (The Warren Institute on Race, Ethnicity and Diversity, Sept. 2009), [www.law.berkeley.edu/files/policybrief\\_irving\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/files/policybrief_irving_FINAL.pdf) (last visited Aug. 2, 2010); Michele Waslin, *The Secure Communities Program: Unanswered Questions and Continuing Concerns* (Immigration Policy Center, Nov. 2009) [http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/sites/default/files/docs/Secure\\_Communities\\_112309.pdf](http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/sites/default/files/docs/Secure_Communities_112309.pdf) (last visited Aug. 2, 2010).

checkpoints outside of places like churches where they believe Latinos will be present.<sup>10</sup> Evidence has shown that DHS' immigration enforcement programs compound failings in the criminal justice systems they rely upon.

The merger of immigration enforcement and local criminal justice agencies is not only bad public policy, it also sabotages local law enforcement agencies' core mission of protecting public safety by undermining the trust of the communities they serve. It discourages people from turning to the police when they need to, even to report crimes. It undermines public safety by diverting scarce resources away from local policing and focuses them on false threats from people who look or sound foreign.

Additionally, the 287(g), Secure Communities and CAP programs have contributed to an anti-immigrant environment by encouraging local politicians to wrongly equate immigration with criminality. DHS' willingness to rely on the results of state anti-immigrant laws and policies creates an incentive for their existence.

As a nation, we are finally starting to acknowledge how racial disparities in the criminal justice system are creating and perpetuating racial hierarchy in the United States. One sign of progress is a decline in prison population among 20 states during 2008 that slightly lowered the overall national rate of incarceration to 748 per 100,000 of the population.<sup>11</sup> While the United States remains the world leader in its use of incarceration, there is hope that this decrease may signal a change in direction.

But the immigration detention system contravenes these results. It remains the fastest growing prison system in the United States, acting as a profit center for private companies and communities that have overbuilt their jails. Detention in these jails often occurs in unsafe and inhumane conditions, with no meaningful access to lawyers or hope for a fair day in court.<sup>12</sup>

We, the undersigned, ask for your leadership in ending the criminalization of immigrants and supporting reforms to ensure due process and human rights of all people. We ask for the end of programs that channel non-citizens into immigration enforcement programs and the detention system without regard for whether they have committed an act which poses a threat to public safety or whether the police have acted on the basis of racial profiling.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical matter. For additional information, contact Elizabeth Mauldin of the National Immigration Law Center at (202) 216-0261, Ext. 408 or Nicole Porter of The Sentencing Project at (202) 628-0871.

Sincerely,

### **National Organizations**

1 Million and Strong Against SB1070 (*Campbell, CA*)  
8th Day Center for Justice Staff (*Chicago, IL*)  
9to5, National Association of Working Women (*Denver, CO*)

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<sup>10</sup> *The Policies and Politics of Local Immigration Enforcement Laws*, *supra* note 9 at 41.

<sup>11</sup> *Growth In The Total Correctional Population During 2008 Was The Slowest In Eight Years* (Bureau of Justice Statistics, December 2009) <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/press/p08ppus08pr.cfm> (last visited Aug. 3, 2010).

<sup>12</sup> *A Broken System: Confidential Reports Reveal Failures in U.S. Immigrant Detention Centers* (National Immigration Law Center, July 2009) <http://www.nilc.org/immlawpolicy/arrestdet/A-Broken-System-2009-07.pdf> (last visited Aug. 2, 2010).

The Advocates for Human Rights (*Minneapolis, MN*)  
AFL-CIO (*Washington, DC*)  
All of Us or None (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Alliance for Global Justice (*Washington, DC*)  
American Friends Service Committee (*Newark, NJ*)  
American Immigration Lawyers Association (*Washington, DC*)  
Amnesty International USA (*Washington, DC*)  
Applied Research Center (*Oakland, CA & New York, NY*)  
Asian American Justice Center (*Washington, DC*)  
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (*New York, NY*)  
Asian Law Caucus (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Bill of Rights Defense Committee (*Northampton, MA*)  
Black Alliance for Just Immigration (*Oakland, CA*)  
Border Angels (*San Diego, CA*)  
Border Network for Human Rights (*El Paso, TX*)  
Boston New Sanctuary Movement (*Cambridge, MA*)  
Break the Chain Campaign (*Washington, DC*)  
Breakthrough (*New York, NY*)  
Center for Constitutional Rights (*New York, NY*)  
Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Center for Media Justice (*Oakland, CA*)  
Center for New Community (*Chicago, IL*)  
Centro de Ayuda USA, Inc. (*Tucson, AZ*)  
Church World Service, Immigration and Refugee Program (*Washington, DC*)  
Citizen Orange (*Cambridge, MA*)  
The Citizens Foundation, USA (*Schaumburg, IL*)  
Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (*Washington, DC*)  
Coalition for Prisoners' Rights (*Santa Fe, NM*)  
Defending Dissent Foundation (*Silver Spring, MD*)  
Detention Watch Network (*Washington, DC*)  
Disciples Justice Action Network (*Annapolis, MD*)  
Encuentro Latino National Institute on Family Violence (*Las Cruces NM*)  
Enough Project (*Ojai, CA*)  
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (*Washington, DC*)  
Father God Children's Outreach Ministry (*Jenks, OK*)  
Fellowship of Reconciliation (*Nyack, NY*)  
Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (*Miami, FL*)  
Franciscan Action Network (*Washington, DC*)  
Freedom Socialist Party (*Seattle, WA*)  
Gender Rights Asylum Project (*Fullerton, CA*)  
Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (*San Pedro, CA*)  
Grassroots Immigrant Justice Network (*Minneapolis, MN*)  
Grassroots Leadership (*Abbott, TX*)  
Human Rights Defense Center (*Brattleboro, VT*)  
Immigrant Defense Project (*New York, NY*)  
Immigrant Legal Resource Center (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Immigrants Without Borders (*Tucson, AZ*)  
Interfaith Worker Justice (*Chicago, IL*)  
International Action Center (*Houston, TX*)  
Justice Strategies (*Brooklyn, NY*)  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (*Washington, DC*)

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Methodist Federation for Social Action (*Washington, DC*)  
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (*Washington, DC*)  
Ms. Foundation for Women (*Brooklyn, NY*)  
Muslim American Society (*Raleigh, NC*)  
Muslim Legal Fund of America (*Richardson, TX*)  
Muslim Public Affairs Council (*Washington, DC*)  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd (*Silver Spring, MD*)  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (*Washington, DC*)  
National Black Police Association (*Washington, DC*)  
National Council of La Raza (*Washington, DC*)  
National CURE (*Washington, DC*)  
National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON) (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
National Domestic Workers Alliance (*New York, NY*)  
National Farm Worker Ministry (*St. Louis, MO*)  
National Gray Panthers (*Washington, DC*)  
National Immigrant Justice Center (*Chicago, IL*)  
National Immigration Forum (*Washington, DC*)  
National Immigration Law Center (*Washington, DC & Los Angeles, CA*)  
National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (*Boston, MA*)  
National Jobs with Justice (*Washington, DC*)  
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
National Native American Prisoner's Rights Advocates Coalition (*Window Rock, AZ*)  
National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (*Oakland, CA*)  
Native Counter Recruitment Coalition (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
The Opportunity Agenda (*New York, NY*)  
The Other Campaign in USA (*Chicago, IL*)  
Pax Christi USA (*Washington, DC*)  
Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (*Stony Point, NY*)  
Presente.org (*Berkeley, CA*)  
Prison Policy Initiative (*Northampton, MA*)  
Private Corrections Working Group (*Tallahassee, FL*)  
Radical Women (*San Francisco, CA*)  
The Real Cost of Prisons Project (*Northampton, MA*)  
Red de Mexicanos (*Chicago, IL*)  
Refugee, Inc. (*Washington, DC*)  
Rights Working Group (*Washington, DC*)  
Sentencing Project (*Washington, DC*)  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU) (*Washington, DC*)  
Sisters of Mercy Institute Justice Team (*Silver Spring, MD*)  
South Asian Americans Leading Together (*Takoma Park, MD*)  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (*Washington, DC*)  
Southern Poverty Law Center (*Montgomery, AL*)  
Standing on the Side of Love Campaign (*Newton, MA*)  
Tahirih Justice Center (*Falls Church, VA*)  
Thousand Kites (*Norton, VA*)  
U.S. for All of Us: No Room for Racism (*Chicago, IL*)  
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society (*Washington, DC*)  
United Sikhs (*New York, NY*)  
United We Dream Network (*Washington, DC*)

## **Regional, State & Location Organizations**

A Better Way Foundation (*Hartford, CT*)  
Adhikaar (*New York, NY*)  
African Community United Methodist Church (*Chicago, IL*)  
AFSCME (*Santa Ana, CA*)  
AFSCME 3299 (*Berkeley, CA*)  
AGI Forum, East Valley San Jose Chapter (*San Jose, CA*)  
Al Noor Community Center (*Charlotte, NC*)  
Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice (*Montgomery, AL*)  
Albany / CD LCLAA (*Albany, NY*)  
Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras (*Tucson, AZ*)  
Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church (*Pittsburgh, PA*)  
Allies of Peace (*Oakland, CA*)  
Alto Arizona (*Gilbert, AZ*)  
Alto Arizona (*Chino Hills, CA*)  
Alto Arizona (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Alto Arizona (*Waukegan, IL*)  
Alto Arizona (*Baltimore, MD*)  
Alto Arizona (*El Paso, TX*)  
Alto Arizona (*Vienna, WV*)  
American Civil Liberties Union – Georgia (*Atlanta, GA*)  
American Civil Liberties Union – North Dakota (*Fargo, ND*)  
American Friends Service Committee – Project Voice New England (*Cambridge, MA*)  
American Gateways (*Austin, TX*)  
American Immigration Lawyers Association – Arizona Chapter (*Chandler, AZ*)  
AmericanLatinos (*Houston, TX*)  
Annunciation House, Inc. (*El Paso, TX*)  
Apna Ghar, Inc. (*Chicago, IL*)  
Arab American Action Network (AAAN) (*Chicago, IL*)  
Arab American Association of New York (*Brooklyn, NY*)  
Arab Resource and Organizing Center (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Arise Chicago (*Chicago, IL*)  
Arizona DREAM Act Coalition (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Arizona Hispanic Community Forum (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Arlington Diocese Peace and Justice Commission (*Arlington, VA*)  
Artemis Justice Center (*Spring, TX*)  
Asian Pacific American Community Support and Service Association (*Portland, OR*)  
Asociación Cultural MILPA (*Washington, DC*)  
Associated Students of Lane Community College (*Eugene, OR*)  
Association of Mexicans in North Carolina (*Greenville, NC*)  
Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition (*Austin, TX*)  
Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera (*Austin, TX*)  
Avant-Garde Foster Family Agency, Inc. (*Corona, CA*)  
Aventours (*Bozeman, MT*)  
Benedictine Mission House – Christ the King Priory (*Schuyler, NE*)  
Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore (*Lutherville, MD*)  
Berkshire Immigrant Center (*Pittsfield, MA*)  
Border Action Network (*Tucson, AZ*)  
Border Agricultural Workers Project (*El Paso, TX*)  
Border and Immigration Ministry (*Tucson, AZ*)

Boroughs United Revolutionary Network (*Brooklyn, NY*)  
 Brazilians Women's Group (*Boston, MA*)  
 CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities (*New York, NY*)  
 CADENA-DREAM Act Advocacy Group (*Chandler, AZ*)  
 California Coalition for Women Prisoners (*San Francisco, CA*)  
 California Prison Moratorium Project (*Fresno, CA*)  
 California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. (*Sacramento, CA*)  
 Casa de Esperanza (*Bound Brook, NJ*)  
 Casa Latina (*Seattle, WA*)  
 Catholic Committee of the South (*Big Stone Gap, VA*)  
 Causa Justa :: Just Cause (*Oakland, CA & San Francisco, CA*)  
 CAUSA Oregon (*Salem, OR*)  
 CCHA (*Albuquerque, NM*)  
 Center for Community Alternatives (*New York, NY*)  
 Center for Economic Integrity (*Tucson, AZ*)  
 Center for Global Justice, Seattle University School of Law (*Seattle, WA*)  
 Center for Participatory Change (*Asheville, NC*)  
 Center for Refugees and Immigrants of TN (*Nashville, TN*)  
 Central American Refugee Center – New York (*Hempstead, NY*)  
 Central Florida Jobs with Justice (*Orlando, FL*)  
 CEO Pipe Organs/Golden Ponds Farm (*Delafield, WI*)  
 Chain Reaction (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
 Challenging White Supremacy (*San Francisco, CA*)  
 Cherokee Park United Church (*St. Paul, MN*)  
 Chiapas Support Committee (*Oakland, CA*)  
 Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition – A project of the Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (*Chicago, IL*)  
 Chicano Advocacy & Information Institute (*Tempe, AZ*)  
 CHISPAS (*Gainesville, FL*)  
 Christian Catholic Family Movement (*Seattle, WA*)  
 The Church of Christ's All-Inclusive Love (*Mesa, AZ*)  
 Church of the Holy Apostles (*New York, NY*)  
 Citizens Against Recidivism, Inc. (*New York, NY*)  
 Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants, Virginia, Nic. (*Alexandria, VA*)  
 Civil Rights Center, Inc. (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
 Claire Heureuse Community Center, Inc (*Jamaica, NY*)  
 CLEAN-TEC (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
 Club Migrante Cheran en el sur de Illinois (*Murphysboro, IL*)  
 Coalición de Derechos Humanos (*Tucson, AZ*)  
 Coalición de Organizaciones Latino-Americanas – COLA (*Asheville, NC*)  
 Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
 Coalition for Justice, Peace and Dignity (*Vista, CA*)  
 Coalition of African, Arab, Asian, European and Latino Immigrants of Illinois (CAAELII) (*Chicago, IL*)  
 Coalition of Latino Leaders – CLILA (*Dalton, GA*)  
 CODEPINK Peace Group (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
 Colonias Development Council, Southern NM Area (*Las Cruces, NM*)  
 Coloradans for Immigrant Rights, a project of the American Friends Service Committee (*Denver, CO*)  
 Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (*Denver, CO*)  
 Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (*Denver, CO*)

Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (*Denver, CO*)  
Comite Pratiotico (*Houston, TX*)  
Community Diversity Alliance of French American Internal Schools of San Francisco (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Community Empowerment Center (*Orlando, FL*)  
Community of Christ of the Desert (*Tucson, AZ*)  
Community to Community Development (*Bellingham, WA*)  
Community United Against Violence (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Comunidad Liberación / Liberation Community (*Denver, CO*)  
Council on American-Islamic Relations – Chicago (*Chicago, IL*)  
CSIO (*Boston, MA*)  
Culture Connect, Inc. (*Decatur, GA*)  
CWA 83188 (*Durham, NC*)  
Davis Bike Collective (*Davis, CA*)  
Daya, Inc. (*Houston, TX*)  
Delawareans for Social and Economic Justice (*Houston, TX*)  
Deported Diaspora (*Boston, MA*)  
Desert Chapter, PDA (*Palm Springs, CA*)  
Direct Action for Rights and Equality (*Providence, RI*)  
Dominican American Democratic Club (*North Miami Beach, FL*)  
Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids (*Grand Rapids, MI*)  
Dominican Sisters of Houston (*Houston, TX*)  
East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association (*Oakland, CA*)  
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (*Berkeley, CA*)  
Economic Justice Coalition (*Athens, GA*)  
The Ecotopian Society (*Brodhead, WI*)  
El Centro Latino de Maine (*Portland, ME*)  
Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (*Oakland, CA*)  
Emerald Isle Immigration Center (*New York, NY*)  
Enlace Comunitario (*Albuquerque, NM*)  
Escondido Human Rights Committee (*Escondido, CA*)  
Espoir, Inc. (*Indianapolis, IN*)  
Estudio Martita (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Etical Humsiatís Soucity of Li (*Forest Hills, NY*)  
Falcon Robotics Team 842 (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Familias Unidas (*Dekalb, IL*)  
Families for Freedom (*New York, NY*)  
Families of the Incarcerated (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
FANM/Haitian Women of Miami (*Miami, FL*)  
Farm Labor Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO (*Durham, NC*)  
Farmworker Association of Florida (*Apopka, FL*)  
Farmworkers Self Help (*Dade City, FL*)  
FCCLA (*Bear Creek, NC*)  
Filipino Advocates for Justice (*Oakland, CA*)  
Florida Immigrant Coalition (*Miami, FL*)  
The Fogle Law Firm, LLC (*Atlanta, GA*)  
Fraternal Endeavors (*Santa Monica, CA*)  
Frente Contra las Redadas (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Georgia Detention Watch (*GA*)  
Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (*Atlanta, GA*)  
Georgia Rural Urban Summit (*Decatur, GA*)



Gilbert Construction (*West Linn, OR*)  
Girl Scouts of Bergen County (*Closter, NJ*)  
Global Family Legal Services (*Tubac, AZ*)  
Global Justice and Peace Ministries of The Riverside Church (*New York, NY*)  
Gloria Dei Step Up Center (*Providence, RI*)  
Graton Day Labor Center (*Graton, CA*)  
Greater Hartford Legal Aid (*Hartford, CT*)  
Greater New York Labor – Religion Coalition (*New York, NY*)  
GreenHitShirts.com (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Grossman Law, LLC (*Rockville, MD*)  
Grupo de Familias Latinas (*Olympia, WA*)  
Gulf Coast Fellowship for Community Transformation (*Slidell, LA*)  
Guyanese American Workers United (*New York, NY*)  
H. S. Power & Light Ministries – Latino Faith Initiative (*Denver, CO*)  
HAREP (*Gilbert, AZ*)  
Hari Hara Temple (*Central Point, OR*)  
Harvard Immigration Project (*Cambridge, MA*)  
HD Community Building Project (*Houston, TX*)  
Hermandad Mexicana Nacional (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Hernan Taylor & Lee (*Norcross, GA*)  
Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont & Mamaroneck (*Mamaroneck, NY*)  
Hispanic Voter Coalition (*Charlotte, NC*)  
Hispanic Women of Weld County (*Greeley, CO*)  
Hispanics in Politics (*Las Vegas, NV*)  
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church Little Lake (*Little Lake, MI*)  
Homies Unidos (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Houston Interfaith Worker Justice Center (*Houston, TX*)  
Human Rights Center of Chapel Hill & Carrboro (*Carrboro, NC*)  
Humane Borders (*Tucson, AZ*)  
Idaho Community Action Network (*Boise, ID*)  
IDEPSCA (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Iglesia Pueblo De Dios (*Mesa, AZ*)  
IIRC (*Fort Collins, CO*)  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (*Chicago, IL*)  
Illinois Peoples Action (*Bloomington, IL*)  
Immigrant Advocacy Project (*Evanston, IL*)  
Immigrant Family Advocates (*Bend, OR*)  
Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County (*Boulder, CO*)  
Immigrant Solidarity Dupage (*Wheaton, IL*)  
Immigration Counseling Service (*Portland, OR*)  
In Solidarity With Immigrants (*Amherst, MA*)  
Industrial Workers of The World – Phoenix (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
inMotion (*New York, NY*)  
Int Club (*Newbern, NC*)  
Integrative Acupuncture Medical Clinic (*Madeira Beach, FL*)  
Inter-Hemisphere Tours (*New York, NY*)  
International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit (*Detroit, MI*)  
IRATE & First Friends (*Elizabeth, NJ*)  
Islamic Center of Greater Toledo (*Perrysburg, OH*)  
Japanese American Citizens League, Pacific Southwest District (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Jeannette Rankin Peace Center (*Missoula, MT*)

Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (*Chicago, IL*)  
JOE Project (*Floydada, TX*)  
JUNTOS (*Philadelphia, PA*)  
Justice and Witness Ministry of Cherokee Park United Church (*St. Paul, MN*)  
Justice Committee (*New York, NY*)  
Justice for Immigrants Coalition of Inland Southern California (*San Bernardino, CA*)  
JUSTSEEDS (*Chicago, IL*)  
Kentucky Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (*Lexington, KY*)  
Keyport Cultural Harmony Program (*Keyport, NJ*)  
Kino Border Initiative (*Nogales, AZ*)  
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center (*Chicago, IL*)  
Korean Resource Center (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
La Luz Center (*Sonoma, CA*)  
La Raza Centro Legal, San Francisco (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Labor / Community Strategy Center (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Latin American / Caribbean Committee of the Loretto Community (*St. Louis, MO*)  
Latin American Coalition (*Charlotte, NC*)  
The Latin American Workers Project (*New York, NY*)  
Latino and Latina Roundtable of the Pomona Valley and San Gabriel Valley (*Claremont, CA*)  
Latino Community Services, Inc. (*Hartford, CT*)  
Latino Union of Chicago (*Chicago, IL*)  
Latinos and Supporters and Advocating for Justice and Advancement (*Holland, MI*)  
Law of the Heart (*Santa Monica, CA*)  
Law Offices of Valencia Ippolito & Bowman (*San Jose, CA*)  
Legacy Health System (*Portland, OR*)  
Lerma Legal Service (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Lipan Apache Women Defense, Texas-Mexico Border (*El Calaboz Rancheria, TX*)  
Live & Thrive Press (*Tucson, AZ*)  
Local Council for Mexicans in the Carolinas (*Hilton Head Island, SC*)  
Long Island Immigrant Alliance (*Amityville, NY*)  
Los Angeles Catholic Worker (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Loyola New Orleans College of Law Immigration Law Clinic (*New Orleans, LA*)  
LULAC (*Houston, TX*)  
LULAC Syracuse Chapter (*Syracuse, NY*)  
Lutheran Justice Group (*Jemez Springs, NM*)  
Lutheran Office of Governmental Ministry in New Jersey (*Stockton, NJ*)  
Lutheran Russian Mission of the ELCA (*Brooklyn, NY*)  
M. S. I. Inc. (*Addison, IL*)  
MA Resist the Raids! (*Boston, MA*)  
Maine People's Alliance (*Lewiston, ME*)  
MAIZ (*San Jose, CA*)  
Make the Road New York (*Brooklyn & Jackson Heights, NY*)  
Malcolm X Day Committee (*Washington, DC*)  
Massachusetts Global Action (*Boston, MA*)  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (*Boston, MA*)  
MataHari: Eye of the Day (*Boston, MA*)  
Meadowlark Center (*Newton, KS*)  
MEChA de Stanford (*Stanford, CA*)  
Mestizo Arts & Activism Collective (*Salt Lake City, UT*)  
Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless (*Atlanta, GA*)  
Mexican-American Pride (*Oxnard, CA*)

Mexicanoencolorado (*Loveland, CO*)  
Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (*Kalamazoo, MI*)  
Michigan Organizing Project (*Kalamazoo, MI*)  
Mid-South Peace and Justice Center (*Memphis, TN*)  
Middlesex County Coalition for Immigrant Rights (*Highland Park, NJ*)  
Milwaukee New Sanctuary Movement (*Milwaukee, WI*)  
Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee (*Minneapolis, MN*)  
Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance (*Jackson, MS*)  
Montbello (*Denver, CO*)  
Mourning Mothers (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Movement Support Project (*New York, NY*)  
MoveOn.org (*New London, CT*)  
MoveOn.org (*Owings Mills, MD*)  
MoveOn.org – Desert Council (*Palm Springs, CA*)  
MoveOn.org – Tulsa, OK Council (*Tulsa, OK*)  
Movimiento Migrante Mesoamericano (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Moving forward Gulf Coast (*Slidell, LA*)  
Mujeres Unidas y Activas (*Oakland & San Francisco, CA*)  
Muslim American Society – Bay Area Chapter (*Santa Clara, CA*)  
Muslim American Society – Bismarck Chapter (*Bismarck, ND*)  
Muslim American Society – Boston Chapter (*Boston, MA*)  
Muslim American Society – Brooklyn Sub Chapter (*Brooklyn, NY*)  
Muslim American Society – Champaign-Urbana Chapter (*Urbana, IL*)  
Muslim American Society – Charlotte Chapter (*Charlotte, NC*)  
Muslim American Society – Chicago Chapter (*Bridgeview, IL*)  
Muslim American Society – Colorado Chapter (*Denver, CO*)  
Muslim American Society – Columbus Chapter (*Columbus, OH*)  
Muslim American Society – Dallas Fort Worth Chapter (*Plano, TX*)  
Muslim American Society – Detroit Chapter (*Southfield, MI*)  
Muslim American Society – Flint Youth Programs (*Flint, MI*)  
Muslim American Society – Houston Chapter (*Houston, TX*)  
Muslim American Society – Inland Empire Chapter (*Rancho Cucamonga, CA*)  
Muslim American Society – Iowa Chapter (*Cedar Rapids, IA*)  
Muslim American Society – Kansas City Chapter (*Kansas City, MO*)  
Muslim American Society – Lansing Chapter (*Lansing, MI*)  
Muslim American Society – Los Angeles Chapter (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Muslim American Society – Maryland Chapter (*Germantown, MD*)  
Muslim American Society – Milwaukee Chapter (*Milwaukee, WI*)  
Muslim American Society – Minnesota Chapter (*Inver Grove Heights, MN*)  
Muslim American Society – Nashville Chapter (*Nashville, NC*)  
Muslim American Society – New Jersey Chapter (*Totowa, NJ*)  
Muslim American Society – New York Chapter (*Brooklyn, NY*)  
Muslim American Society – Orange County Chapter (*Anaheim, CA*)  
Muslim American Society – Oregon Chapter (*Beaverton, OR*)  
Muslim American Society – Orlando Chapter (*Orlando, FL*)  
Muslim American Society – Panama City Chapter (*Lynn Haven, FL*)  
Muslim American Society – Philadelphia Chapter (*Philadelphia, PA*)  
Muslim American Society – Phoenix Chapter (*Chandler, AZ*)  
Muslim American Society – Pittsburgh Chapter (*Pittsburgh, PA*)  
Muslim American Society – Queens Sub Chapter (*Astoria, NY*)  
Muslim American Society – Raleigh Chapter (*Raleigh, NC*)

Muslim American Society – Sacramento Chapter (*Sacramento, CA*)  
Muslim American Society – San Antonio Chapter (*San Antonio, TX*)  
Muslim American Society – San Diego Chapter (*San Diego, CA*)  
Muslim American Society – Seattle Chapter (*Seattle, WA*)  
Muslim American Society – Syracuse Chapter (*Syracuse, NY*)  
Muslim American Society – Tampa Chapter (*Tampa, FL*)  
Muslim American Society – Upper New York Sub Chapter (*Yonkers, NY*)  
Muslim American Society – Valley Chapter (*Northridge, CA*)  
Muslim American Society – Washington DC Chapter (*Alexandria, VA*)  
Muslim Students Association, Raleigh (*Raleigh, NC*)  
Muslim Women for Peace (*Raleigh, NC*)  
The Naked Truth on Stereotypes (*Seattle, WA*)  
National Lawyers Guild – Louisville Chapter (*Louisville, KY*)  
Nationalities Service Center of Philadelphia (*Philadelphia, PA*)  
Navajo Nation Corrections Project (*Window Rock, AZ*)  
Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (*Oakland, CA*)  
New Jersey Civil Rights Defense Committee (*Piscataway, NJ*)  
New Labor (*New Brunswick, NJ*)  
New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice (*New Orleans, LA*)  
New Sanctuary Movement NYC (*New York, NY*)  
New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia (*Philadelphia, PA*)  
New York Anti-Trafficking Network (*New York, NY*)  
New York Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association (*New York, NY*)  
NMABE (*Santa Fe, NM*)  
NMN, Inc. (*Carson City, NV*)  
No More Deaths (*Tolleson, AZ*)  
No More Deaths (*Tucson, AZ*)  
No More Deaths Denver (*Centennial, CO*)  
No Somos Criminales (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Nodutdol for Korean Community Development (*Queens, NY*)  
North Carolina Council of Churches (*Raleigh, NC*)  
North Carolina Justice Center (*Raleigh, NC*)  
North Carolina Peace Justice (*Raleigh, NC*)  
The Northeast Coalition for Peace and Justice (*Willimantic, CT*)  
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights (*New York, NY*)  
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (*Seattle, WA*)  
Nowia Unite (*Medford, OR*)  
Nuestro Centro (*Asheville, NC*)  
Oakland Tenants Union (*Oakland, CA*)  
Ohio-Meadville District of the Unitarian Universalist Association (*Columbus, OH*)  
Olneyville Neighborhood Association (*Providence, RI*)  
Ometeotl Ministries (*Wichita, KS*)  
OneAmerica (*Seattle, WA*)  
Oregon New Sanctuary Movement (*Portland, OR*)  
Organizing for America (*Madison, WI*)  
Out4immigration.org (*Daly City, CA*)  
Pacific Southwest District / UUA (*Oxnard, CA*)  
Pan Left Productions (*Tucson, AZ*)  
Paredes (*Jersey City, NJ*)  
Parents Against Violence in Education (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Partnership for Safety and Justice (*Portland, OR*)

Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project (*El Paso, TX*)  
Pax Christi Metro New York (*New York, NY*)  
Pax Christi New Jersey (*Summit, NJ*)  
Pax Christi Virginia (*Huddleston, VA*)  
Peace and Freedom Party of California (*Sacramento, CA*)  
People Against Sheriff Joe Arpaio (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
People Organized to Win Employment Rights (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Perfor (*Bellingham, WA*)  
Peruvians Association HATARI PERU (*Madison, WI*)  
PODER (*Austin, TX*)  
Political-Social Action Ministry of St. Luke "Community" UMC (*Dallas, TX*)  
Politics Focus Group of Racine Dominicans Justice and Rights Council (*Racine, WI*)  
Portland Jobs with Justice (*Portland, OR*)  
Priority Africa Network (*Oakland, CA*)  
Prison Project of Santa Fe (*Santa Fe, NM*)  
Professional Computer Services (*Las Cruces, NM*)  
Progressive Democrats of America (*Falls Church, VA*)  
Progressive Democrats of America of Arizona (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Progressive Democrats of Santa Barbara (*Santa Barbara, CA*)  
Providence Presbyterian Church Immigration and Activism Group (*Providence, RI*)  
Province of the Society of Helpers (*Chicago, IL*)  
Puente Arizona (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans (*Seattle, WA*)  
Quakers Concerned with Immigration Justice (*Boston, MA*)  
Quaking Mennos (*Phoenix, AZ*)  
Reyes Diaz Corp. (*Charlotte, NC*)  
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (*Westminster, CO*)  
Roman Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino (*San Bernardino, CA*)  
Rural Organizing Project (*Scappoose, OR*)  
Saint Gabriel Peace and Justice (*San Francisco, CA*)  
Saint Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (*St. Louis, MO*)  
Saint Mary Catholic Church (*New York, NY*)  
Saint Matthew Immigration / Detention Committee (*Baltimore, MD*)  
Saint Michael Catholic Church (*Gainesville, GA*)  
Saint Therese Parish (*Appleton, WI*)  
Saint Thomas More Catholic Church (*Altadena, CA*)  
Samaritans (*Green Valley, AZ*)  
San Diego Day Labor Association (*Vista, CA*)  
The Service Board (*Seattle, WA*)  
Service Center for Latinos, Inc. (*Spruce Pine, NC*)  
Shenandoah Valley Organizing (*Harrisonburg, VA*)  
Silicon Valley Alliance for Immigration Reform (*San Jose, CA*)  
Sin Fronteras (*Los Angeles, CA*)  
Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants, Archdiocese of Chicago (*Chicago, IL*)  
Sisters of Mercy, Mid-Atlantic Justice Office (*Merion, PA*)  
Sisters of Mercy, West Midwest Justice Team (*Omaha, NE*)  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province (*St. Louis, MO*)  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester (*Rochester, NY*)  
Sisters of the Precious Blood, Council (*Dayton, OH*)  
SOAW LA (*San Gabriel, CA*)  
Social Action Group, Tiffin Franciscan Community (*Tiffin, OH*)

Social Justice and Public Policy Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio  
*(Cincinnati, OH)*  
 Social Justice Committee, Our Lady of Lourdes *(Milwaukee, WI)*  
 Social Justice Guild of the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta *(Atlanta, GA)*  
 Social Responsibilities Council, Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, NJ *(Ridgewood, NJ)*  
 Socorro Peace Vigil *(Socorro, NM)*  
 Sojourners *(Washington, DC)*  
 Solidarity69 *(Calumet City, IL)*  
 South Texas Immigration Council *(Harlingen, TX)*  
 Southeastern Counseling Center *(Greensboro, NC)*  
 Southern California Young Communist League, USA *(Los Angeles, CA)*  
 Southern Center for Human Rights *(Atlanta, GA)*  
 Southwest Organizing Project *(Albuquerque, NM)*  
 Southwest Workers Union *(San Antonio, TX)*  
 Stanford Immigrant Rights Project *(Stanford, CA)*  
 Stop SB1070 *(Phoenix, AZ)*  
 Student Action with Farmworkers *(Durham, NC)*  
 Student Farmworker Alliance – RGV *(Mission, TX)*  
 Student Farmworker Alliance *(Immokalee, FL)*  
 Student Privacy Coalition *(Phoenix, AZ)*  
 Students for a Safe Society *(Charlotte, NC)*  
 Students Working for Equal Rights *(Boynton Beach, FL)*  
 Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice *(Detroit, MI)*  
 SUPJ *(Falls Church, VA)*  
 Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition *(Nashville, TN)*  
 Texans United For Families *(Austin, TX)*  
 The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition *(Austin, TX)*  
 Texas Indigenous Council *(San Antonio, TX)*  
 Texas Jail Project *(Austin, TX)*  
 Tompkins County Immigrant Rights Coalition *(Ithaca, NY)*  
 The Trauma Healing Project *(Eugene, OR)*  
 Triangle Coalition for Justice *(Raleigh, NC)*  
 Tucson Samaritans *(Tucson, AZ)*  
 UNIRR *(Chicago, IL)*  
 Unitarian Universalist Congregation *(Santa Rosa, CA)*  
 Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community *(Columbus, OH)*  
 Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey *(Summit, NJ)*  
 United African Organization *(Chicago, IL)*  
 United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries *(Cleveland, OH)*  
 United Latinos *(Houston, TX)*  
 United Methodist Women – Christian Social Action Section, Women's Division *(New York, NY)*  
 University of California, Davis – Immigration Law Clinic *(Davis, CA)*  
 Urban Justice Center *(New York, NY)*  
 Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights *(Boulder, CO)*  
 Vida Verde Cooperative *(Boston, MA)*  
 Virginia Organizing Project *(Charlottesville, VA)*  
 VivirLatino *(Corona, NY)*  
 Voces de la Frontera *(Milwaukee, WI)*  
 VOTE Nola *(LA)*  
 VOZ Workers' Rights Education Project *(Portland, OR)*  
 Washington Community Action Network *(Seattle, WA)*

Washington Defender Association (*Seattle, WA*)  
Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (*Ann Arbor, MI*)  
WeCount! (*Homestead, FL*)  
Welcoming Immigrants Network (*Arlington, TX*)  
Westchester Hispanic Coalition (*White Plains, NY*)  
White Plains High School Human Rights Club (*White Plains, NY*)  
Whites in Anti-Racist Solidarity (*Philadelphia, PA*)  
Wilco Justice Alliance (*Bartlett, TX*)  
Wind of the Spirit, Immigrant Resource Center (*Morristown, NJ*)  
Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race (*Milwaukee, WI*)  
Women Watch Afrika, Inc. (*Decatur, GA*)  
Workers Defense Project (*Austin, TX*)  
Workers Interfaith Network (*Memphis, TN*)  
Workplace Project (*Hempstead, NY*)  
Youth Justice Coalition (*Los Angeles, CA*)

### **International Organizations**

BRAC Advocacy & Human Rights Unit (*Bangladesh*)  
Casa Refugio Hermandad Mexicana Transnacional (*Mexico*)  
Educación para la paz, A.C. (*Mexico*)  
Justice and Peace Commission (*Mexico*)  
Movimeno per la società di giustizia (*Italy*)  
Sección sindical ccoo cajacanarias (*Spain*)  
Shalom Group (*Puerto Rico*)

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Congressional Black Caucus  
Congressional Hispanic Caucus  
Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus  
Congressional Progressive Caucus  
Sen. Harry Reid  
Sen. Robert Menendez  
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse  
Sen. Charles Schumer