



Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Wasserman-Schultz,

We write to ask you to speak out in support of the national campaign to stop deportations and expand administrative relief to the undocumented community. Over the course of his time in office, President Obama has sharply and deliberately ramped up the scale of family separations due to deportation, requesting vast expansions of funding for border militarization and drawing state and local law enforcement across the country into the immigration enforcement machinery. This series of policy changes has transformed the face of the immigrant experience in this country, leaving children stranded without their proper caretakers, driving our families further into the shadows and funneling immigrant bodies into dehumanizing conditions of confinement in corporate detention centers.

In the face of escalating aggression from the Democratic Party and Republican inaction in the House of Representatives, our community has decided to stand together to demand real hope and change for our families. We call on the Obama administration to provide our families with the safety and security we need by creating a broad deferred action program that will allow individuals with families and other ties to this country to invest in their communities and our country. Democrats who supported providing many of these immigrants with a pathway to citizenship last year must now protect these individuals from the harmful consequences of legislative inaction. Moreover, we believe that the administration has the responsibility to rectify the injustices it has committed against American families whose loved ones have been deported by bringing their loved ones home.

In addition, the Obama administration must immediately dismantle the policing apparatus that has led to the persecution, criminalization and incarceration of our community. In particular, we call on the administration to grant deferred action to individuals granted prosecutorial discretion after being placed in removal proceedings, to ensure that low priority cases include all individuals without a serious criminal conviction and to hold accountable those DHS agents who fail to appropriately adhere to prosecutorial discretion guidelines. We also call on the administration to allow local law enforcement to focus on keeping communities safe by ending the Secure Communities program and the use of immigration detainers entirely, and unhooking the integration of criminal and immigration databases. Moreover, we call for an end to the criminalization of immigrants at the border through Operation Streamline. Finally, we urge the

administration to release all detainees who are not subject to mandatory detention from DHS custody, allow those subject to mandatory detention to be released into alternatives to detention programs, and to expand the applicability and impact of immigration detention standards.

We urge the Democratic National Committee to stand with us and to pressure the President to deliver on these demands.

Best Regards,

United We Dream Network