

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Leader Schumer,

We are profoundly disappointed by how Democratic leadership has allowed the MAGA anti-immigrant agenda to dominate public debate and capture significant parts of our government. **The supplemental funding bill has revealed an alarming shift in Democratic priorities, succumbing to the MAGA Republicans' tactics of fear-mongering and division by proposing funding for record amounts of detention and deportation, anti-immigrant policy changes domestically, and unrestricted support for militarization abroad.**

United We Dream and 58 progressive organizations signed below urge you to realign your stance and support immigrant lives by focusing on passing real solutions that treat migrants with dignity and respect and that live up to the values the Democratic party purports to espouse. The progressive movement is united in holding Democratic leadership accountable for this step in the wrong direction. We must ensure a humane immigration system that expands pathways for people seeking refuge and offers immigrant youth and undocumented immigrants a chance at citizenship after decades of neglect and empty promises.

We urge Democratic leadership to fulfill their promise to immigrant communities and stand firmly with American values of freedom, family, and dignity. Our country can welcome all immigrants with dignity and respect and offer permanent protections to those who have suffered for years at the hands of inhumane immigration policies. Trading immigrant lives is a slippery slope leading to compromises on other existential issues for our communities, including reproductive justice, criminal legal reforms, government benefits, trans rights, workers' rights, housing rights, and more.

The right of immigrants to move, thrive, and seek refuge is being weaponized around the world to undermine the basic principles of democracy and fuel the rise of authoritarianism and white nationalism. The MAGA GOP's dangerous anti-immigrant efforts would likewise undermine hopes for a vibrant, pluralistic, multiracial democracy here at home. We call on you to fight for the best of what America can be—and not to advance the MAGA Republican agenda under your complicit watch.

Sincerely,

African Communities Together (ACT)
America's Voice
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Borderlands Resource Initiative
California Immigrant Policy Center

CASA, Inc.
CATA - The Farmworker Support Committee
Center for Freethought Equality
Center for Popular Democracy
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Communities United for Status & Protection (CUSP)
Estrella del Paso (Formerly Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services Inc)
Faith in Florida Action Fund
Faith in New York
Faith In Texas
Families for Freedom
Garden State Equality
Gen-Z for Change
IfNotNow Movement
Immigrant Defenders Law Center
Immigrant Defense Project
Immigrants Rising
Immigration Equality
Indivisible Chicago Alliance
Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society
Just Neighbors
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
Latin America Working Group
Make the Road New York
March For Our Lives
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Mijente
Motivation Motivates
MPower Change Action Fund
Muslim Advocates
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Immigration Law Center
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Partnership for New Americans
National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New York Immigration Coalition
Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition
Pax Christi New Jersey
Poder Latinx
Presente.org
Restaurant Opportunities Centers United
Salvation and Social Justice

Showing Up for Racial Justice
Sunrise Movement
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition
The Border Network for Human Rights
The Workers Circle
United We Dream
Voto Latino
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
Working Families Party