

Trump's Terror is Coming: An Attack on Immigrants is an Attack on Us All

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Dear State and Local Elected Leaders,

We, the undersigned over 80 organizations –representing a multiracial, multigenerational and working-class cohort of allies– pledge to fight boldly alongside the immigrant community in the face of President-elect Trump and his administration's promised harmful attacks. We know Trump's cruelty knows no bounds. As his administration prepares to take office later this month – promising to unleash armed agents into our communities and target our neighbors for mass deportations– **we refuse to stay silent and urge our state and local officials to take urgent and decisive action to shore up protections for immigrants now.**

In states like Texas and Arizona, we have already begun to see the Trump Administration's anti-immigrant scheme take shape in the form of state and local policies that put a target on the backs of our Black, brown and immigrant neighbors, such as SB4 and Proposition 314. Trump is putting in motion efforts to target children and their parents on school grounds, coworkers in their workplaces, patients in their hospital beds, and neighbors in our grocery stores.

It is no exaggeration to say Trump's anti-immigrant assaults will cost lives. The Trump Administration is prepared to act with impunity –starting on day one– to carry out its mass detention and deportation agenda with zero consideration for the devastating consequences this will have on our country's communities, families, workforces, economy and more.

But just because the keys of the White House are set to be handed over, does not mean Trump can terrorize and uproot our communities. Our state and local leaders have immense power to keep families together and make it extremely difficult and taxing for Trump to make his plans a reality. This includes taking immediate action to:

- **Prohibit local law enforcement from collaborating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)** is among the most effective ways to reduce immigration arrests and deportations. If allowed to collaborate with ICE, state and local law enforcement agencies would be an immense expansion of the deportation machine. Prohibiting their collaboration with ICE protects immigrant communities and local funding resources.
- **Ensure access to universal legal representation** which provides immigrants with a more fair chance while going through the criminal legal system. When provided with access to legal representation, immigrants are significantly [more likely](#) to receive positive outcomes in their immigration cases. Access to legal representation improves community

wellbeing by preventing family separation, detention in inhumane facilities, and deportations.

- **Expand worker protections** which are critical for undocumented communities who are disproportionately likely to experience workplace exploitation. Workplace ICE raids also place undocumented workers under the threat of deportation while at work.
- **Expand healthcare for all** which will ensure that anyone can receive the necessary preventative and emergency care. This will decrease the strain on emergency services, lower the costs in the long term, and improve the standard of living.

Additional recommendations for actions state officials can take to shore up protections for immigrants can be found [here](#).

As cruelly as Trump intends to operate, as allies, we refuse to accept divisive tactics that aim to scapegoat our neighbors. We cannot sit idly by and allow chaos to ensue as entire communities and millions of lives are turned upside down.

This moment demands courage. An attack on immigrants is an attack on us all. Immigrants are deeply intertwined in the fabric of our nation and integral to the future of this country. As we prepare for unprecedented attacks over the next weeks and months we know what we're up against, and we will come together as allies to lead with humanity and do everything in our power to block all harm that comes our way and build towards the future that we all deserve.

We will do what's right and fight for our immigrant neighbors today and everyday. **As allies, we welcome and protect immigrants.**

Sincerely,

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
Popular Democracy
Cambridge Indivisible
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
DemCast USA
National Organization for Women
Woori Juntos
Latina Institute
People Power United
Sunrise Movements
Community Change Action
Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice NW
Jewish Activists for Immigration Justice

NM Dream Team
Illinois Workers in Action
Popular Democracy
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
UltraViolet
Jewish Community Action
Together for Brothers
Jews For Racial & Economic Justice (JFREJ)
AFGE Local 3354
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network
Rogan's List
Seed the Vote
The Children's Partnership
Muslims for Just Futures
Freedom To Thrive
Indivisible Chicago Alliance
Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice
Rising Majority
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)
Get Free
Venezuelan American Caucus
Women's March
Democrats.com
Savage Daughters
If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
Activist San Diego
Ginger Kearney
Mary Rogers
Karen Williamson
18 Million Rising
Indivisible Central Maryland
Florida Student Power
State Voices
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
Kairos Center for Religions, Rights and Social Justice
Inwood Indivisible
National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)
Asian Law Caucus

Vashon Maury SURJ
People Power United
Ann Arbor Indivisible
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Faith in Public Life
RAISE
Immigrants Rising
Make The Road CT
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
ECCO Community Center
Motivation Motivates
Disciples Home Missions
NAKASEC
Hope Community Center
Make the Road Nevada
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
National Partnership for New Americans
Haitian Bridge Alliance
Little Lobbyists Family Alliance
Transgender Law Center
Advocates for Youth
Ipas US
Make the Road NY
Lilith Fund
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Justice Team
South Asian Legal Defense Fund
Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus
Muslim Advocates
The Gathering for Justice