

September 5, 2014

President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

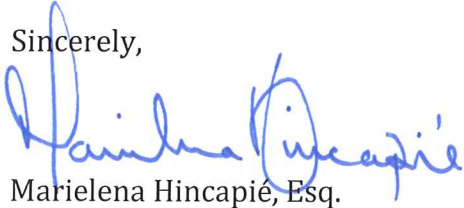
We write to you as 183 grassroots, labor, faith, legal, and advocacy organizations who strongly oppose any delay in announcing administrative relief for immigrants. We urge you to take broad action on administrative relief that will provide aspiring Americans with a reprieve from deportation and work authorization as soon as possible.

The status quo for immigrant and border communities is unacceptable. Every day, more than 1,000 immigrants are separated from their families and their communities because of deportations. And despite assurances from your administration, immigrant workers and their families continue to live in fear of employer retaliation and intimidation, as well as racial profiling and excessive use-of-force by Department of Homeland Security agents who continue to abuse, arrest, detain, and deport our family members and loved ones. Any delay in the announcement of administrative relief for aspiring Americans only compounds the suffering in our communities as a result of current out-of-control immigration enforcement policies; changes to the immigration enforcement system are already long overdue.

Your administration has the legal authority and moral responsibility to prevent tomorrow's citizens from suffering the consequences of political inaction. We were heartened when in June, from the White House Rose Garden, you announced your decision to use your executive authority to provide deportation relief once you received recommendations from the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice by the end of the summer. We urge you to keep your word and to act swiftly to provide temporary relief from deportation, put an end to excessive use-of-force, implement adequate oversight and accountability measures over immigration enforcement agencies, and allow people who meet certain criteria to come forward and apply for such relief.

Any delay in action will only exacerbate the pain resulting from the administration's current enforcement, detention, and deportation policies. We urge you not to allow shortsighted political interests to get in the way of doing what is right for our communities and our country. Being a leader requires making difficult and courageous decisions. It is your time to lead, Mr. President.

Sincerely,



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On Behalf of:

National Organizations:

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Advocacy Committee for Justice and Peace of Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Alliance for a Just Society
Alliance for Global Justice
Alliance of South Asian American Labor (ASAAL)
American Civil Liberties Union
America's Voice Education Fund
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
Bend the Arc Jewish Action
Center for Community Change
Church World Service
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach
Conference of Major Superiors of Men
Council on American-Islamic Relations
Define American
Dream Action Coalition (DRM)
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
Farmworker Justice
First Focus
Franciscan Action Network
GetEQUAL
Glenmary Home Missioners
HIAS

Hispanic Federation
Human Rights Campaign
Immigrant Defense Project
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Immigration Equality
Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
Jobs With Justice
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LACLAA)
Latino Commission on AIDS
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
League of United Latin American Citizens
Main Street Alliance
National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALAAC)
National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of La Raza
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce
National Guestworker Alliance
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH)
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA)
National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance
Out4Immigration
PICO National Network
Presente.org
Red Mexicana de Lideres y Organizaciones Migrantes
Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sisters of Francis of Philadelphia
South Asian Americans Leading Together
Southern Border Communities Coalition (SBCC)
The Black Institute
The Center for Popular Democracy
The Episcopal Church

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
UFW Foundation
Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the B.V.M. - US Province
Unitarian Universalist Association
United Farm Workers (UFW)
United We Dream (UWD)
We Belong Together
YWCA USA

Regional/State/Local Organizations:

Aguilas Del Desierto Inc.
Alliance San Diego
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - LA
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (Los Angeles)
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council
Asian Services In Action, Inc.
Asian Students Promoting Immigrant Rights through Education (ASPIRE)
Bay Area DACA Collaborative
Boat People SOS - Houston
Border Action Network
California Immigrant Policy Center
California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance
Canal Alliance
CASA de Maryland
CASA de Virginia
Casa Guanajuato Quad Cities
Catholic Charities Diocese of Wichita
Catholic Charities Legal Services - Las Cruces, NM
Catholic Charities of Orange County
Chinese for Affirmative Action
Church Council of Greater Seattle
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE-LA)
Cleveland Jobs with Justice
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Comite VIDA
C R E C E N: Central American Resource Center
Dream Team Los Angeles
East Bay Immigration Coalition - EBIYC

Educators for Fair Consideration
El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
Federacion de Oaxaqueños del Medio Oeste
Florida Immigrant Coalition
Florida Voices for Immigration Reform
Fresno Immigrant Youth in Action (FIYA)
Fuerza del Valle Workers' Center
Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO)
Greater Rochester Coalition for Immigration Justice
HIAS Pennsylvania
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Immigrant Support and Assistance Center (ISAAC)
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Coalition
Interfaith Center for Worker Justice of San Diego County
JCRC of Greater New Haven
Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest NJ
Justice Committee Srs. of St. Joseph, Albany, NY
Kids for College
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center
Korean Resource Center
La Casa Hogar
La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)
Latin American Coalition, North Carolina
Latino Advocacy Coalition of Henderson County
Latino Education & Training Institute
Legal Aid Justice Center (Virginia)
Los Angeles Center for Law & Justice
Los Angeles Immigrant Youth Coalition
Lowcountry Immigration Coalition
Make the Road New York
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Michigan Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
Michigan United
Mile High JACL
Minkwon Center for Community Action
National Lawyers Guild Bay Area Chapter Immigration Committee
New American Voters Association (NAVA)
New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice
New Sanctuary Coalition of NY
New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC)

North Carolina Justice Center
OneAmerica, Washington
Oscar Romero Church
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community
Pangea Legal Services
Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC)
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noreste (PCUN/CAUSA)
Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation
Promise Arizona (PAZ)
Public Counsel
Roofers Union Local 36, Los Angeles
Sacred Heart Community Service
San Diego Dream Team
San Joaquin Immigrant Youth Collective
San Luis Valley Immigrant Resource Center
SEIU USWW
Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN)
Shirlington Employment and Education Center, Inc.
Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester
Skagit Immigrant Rights Council
Social Justice Ministry
South Asian American Voices for Impact
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)
Thai Community Development Center
The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, Inc.
TODEC Legal Center
Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)
Voces de la Frontera, Wisconsin
Washington Defender Association's Immigration Project
Washington New Sanctuary Movement
Wayne Action for Racial Equality
WeCount!
Word for the World
Worker Justice Center of NY
Xaverian Brothers

cc:

The Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Jeh Johnson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
The Honorable Eric Holder, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
Cecilia Muñoz, Director, White House Domestic Policy Council