November 9th, 2026

Dear Members of Congress,

As over 150 organizations representing immigrant rights, labor, health care, faith, anti-poverty, racial justice, reproductive justice, and other advocacy sectors, we urge you to make justice and accountability for immigrant communities a central priority of the 120th Congress. Instead of addressing Americans' affordability crisis, the Trump administration has made it worse through its immigration actions, fueling chaos and corruption. **Congress must prioritize a bold agenda that includes citizenship pathways without unnecessary and harmful compromises, redirects funding away from harmful slush funds to address affordability, advances meaningful reforms and protections for immigrant families, and conducts aggressive oversight of the abuses.**

Families are struggling with rising costs and concerns about endless corruption. Instead of addressing these critical issues, the Trump administration has violently scapegoated and targeted immigrant communities, harming every American in the process. 64 percent of voters prefer giving legal status to undocumented immigrants instead of deportations. The administration's actions have led to $60-110 billion in reduced consumer spending, accelerated Social Security insolvency, and deprived over 200,000 children of at least one parent.

This administration has used immigrant communities as a testing ground for authoritarian power grabs, unleashed deadly enforcement actions, stripped protections from longtime community members, massively expanded a shockingly inhumane detention system, and deported refugees and others to violence and harm. This brutal agenda has left children without their parents, employers unable to find workers, and communities deprived of their leaders. The 120th Congress has both an obligation and an opportunity to respond.

In the next Congress, Members of Congress have the opportunity to advance legislation presenting a bold vision for transformative immigration legislation. **Congress must develop a proactive agenda to:**

1) Boldly advance citizenship protections without unnecessary and harmful compromises. Congress must embrace legislation that provides pathways to permanent protections and citizenship for the immigrant community, without measures that make it harder to claim humanitarian protections or add further immigration enforcement resources or surveillance measures.

2) Claw back enforcement slush funds granted by budget reconciliation. Congress must reassert its power of the purse and redirect the Department of Homeland Security's unprecedented slush funds toward programs that address human needs. The tens of

billions in enforcement and detention slush funds sitting in DHS's coffers are directly fueling harms in your communities when these funds should instead be supporting the everyday lives of your constituents.

3) Make meaningful changes to immigration enforcement and repeal harmful laws passed by Congress. Congress must not grant additional appropriations for ICE or the Border Patrol until transformative changes are made. Congress must transform our immigration enforcement system to ensure communities never again experience the horrors they are enduring. It also must repeal the anti-immigrant provisions in the reconciliation bills: H.R. 1 and S. 2.

4) Conduct robust oversight and investigations into the harms inflicted on communities by the administration's immigration policies. The American people need to feel confident that Congress will never hold back in confronting unprecedented cruelty and lawlessness. This should include aggressive investigations into: deadly uses of force by immigration agents; ICE operating near schools, hospitals and places of worship; detention abuses and deaths in custody; family separation; racial profiling and the unlawful use of warrantless arrests; inter-agency information sharing and privacy violations; the delays and termination of longtime protections and statuses; and third-country deportations that put people in danger.

The harms inflicted on immigrant communities by this administration will echo for generations. Congress has the opportunity now to stand with communities under siege and show the world that accountability and justice are possible.

We will be keenly watching to ensure Congress acts to hold the administration accountable for its actions and stand ready to work with you toward this vision.

Sincerely,

American Civil Liberties Union
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Detention Watch Network
Frontline Immigrant Rights Movement (FIRM) and FIRM Action
Indivisible
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Immigration Project
National Partnership for New Americans
Popular Democracy
United We Dream

AAPI Equity Alliance
Acacia Center for Justice
Advocates for Trans Equality
African Communities Together (ACT)
Alianza Americas
Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
America's Voice
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
American Oversight
Amica Center for Immigrant Rights
Amnesty International USA
Angkor Resource Center, Inc.
Arise Chicago
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
Ayuda
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action, Maryland
Borderlands Resource Initiative
Building Skills Partnership (BSP)
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Victims of Torture
Central American Refugee Center - CARECEN NY
Central American Resource Center
Central American Resource Center - CARECEN of Northern California
Central West Justice Center
Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.
Children's Law Center of Massachusetts
Church World Service
City of Chicago- 40th Ward, Ald. Andre Vasquez
Coalition on Human Needs
Colorado Fiscal Institute
Columbia Legal Services
Communities United for Status & Protection (CUSP)
Community Change Action
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Region
Connecticut Voices for Children
Corridor Community Action Network

Council on American-Islamic Relations
Dignidad Inmigrante en Athens
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
Drug Policy Alliance
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
Economic Policy Institute
El Pueblo Unido Atlantic City
El Refugio
Equal Rights Advocates
Equality California
Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project
Florida Immigrant Coalition
Frontera Federation
GALEO & GALEO Impact Fund (Norcross, GA)
Georgia Hispanic Construction Association
GRACIAS ATL
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR)
GROW Initiative GA
Haitian Bridge Alliance
Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees
Haven Services
Human Security Initiative
Human Services Council
Human Trafficking Legal Center
Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional Health (H.O.M.E.)
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Venezuelan Alliance
Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP)
Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)
Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti
Institute for Policy Studies' Poverty Project
International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice
Jobs with Justice San Francisco
Just Detention International
Just Neighbors
Justice at Work

Justice in Motion
Kino Border Initiative
Latino Community Fund Georgia
Lawyers for Good Government
Legal Council for Health Justice
Levantando Las Voces Latinas
Little Lobbyists Family Alliance
Local Progress
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.
Michigan Immigrant Rights Center
Migrant Equity Southeast
Minnesota Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM)
MoveOn
Multifaith Alliance
NAKASEC
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Association of Social Workers
National Education Association
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
National Network of Abortion Funds
National Partnership for New Americans
National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies
National Women's Law Center Action Fund
Nebraska Appleseed
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
Nevada Immigrant Coalition
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New York Immigration Coalition
NM Dream Team
North Carolina Justice Center
Ohio Immigrant Alliance
One America
OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership
Organized Power in Numbers
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Planned Parenthood Action Fund

Praxis Health Empowerment
Project Unidad
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
Public Counsel
Refugee Congress
Refugee Council USA
Robert & Ethel Kennedy Human Rights Center
Silver State Equality
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Justice Team
Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque IA
South Asian SOAR
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Southeast Asian Freedom Network
Southern Border Communities Coalition
Southern Poverty Law Center
Stop AAPI Hate
Sur Legal Collaborative
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Tahirih Justice Center
The Sikh Coalition
U-Lead Athens
UndocuBlack Network
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
United Parent Leaders Action Network
USAHello
Vera Institute of Justice
Vermont Asylum Assistance Project
Voto Latino
Washington Office on Latin America
We are CASA
Witness at the Border
Worker Justice Center of New York
Worksafe