

November 12, 2015

The Honorable Sarah Saldaña
Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20536-5600

Re: Meeting Request to Discuss Prosecutorial Discretion and PEP

Director Saldaña:

We, the undersigned immigration, labor, and civil rights organizations, write to formally request a meeting with you to discuss the implementation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) November 20 enforcement priorities and the rollout of the Priority Enforcement Program (PEP).

As you know, on November 20, 2014, Secretary Jeh Johnson announced a series of immigration executive actions, including new civil enforcement priorities¹ and the replacement of Secure Communities with the PEP.² Since then, the undersigned organizations have worked diligently with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fairly implement these programs and initiatives. As part of this collaboration, many of the below organizations meet monthly with Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and his senior staff to provide reports from the field, issue recommendations, and report on the implementation of these initiatives.

As an extension of this collaboration, we now reach out directly to you for a meeting where we can discuss our findings, recommendations, and next steps forward in regards to these executive actions. The forthcoming one-year anniversary of the announcement of these initiatives provides an opportunity to assess the implementation of these executive actions and engage in a conversation regarding how ICE can continue to make the implementation of our immigration laws "more humane," as a Secretary Jeh Johnson has consistently stated.

Thank you for the consideration of this meeting request. Please contact Jose Magana-Salgado, of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, at jmagana@ilrc.org or (202) 777-8999, or Jill Bussey, of CLINIC, at jbussey@cliniclegal.org or (301) 565-4844 to coordinate this request.

Thank you.

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¹ Memorandum from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, on Policies for the Apprehension, Detention and Removal of Undocumented Immigrants to Thomas S. Winkowski et. al (Nov. 20, 2014), *available at* http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/14_1120_memo_prosecutorial_discretion.pdf.

² Memorandum from Jeh C. Johnson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, on Secure Communities to Thomas S. Winkowski, et. al (Nov. 20, 2014), *available at* http://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/14_1120_memo_secure_communities.pdf.

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American Immigration Council
American Immigration Lawyers Association
Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC
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CASA
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
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Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
Immigrant Legal Resource Center
MALDEF
National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
National Immigration Law Center
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Project of the NLG
National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA)
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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
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