

June 20, 2018

Dear Members of Congress,

We, the below signed organizations, write to express our grave concerns with Speaker Ryan's Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018 and to urge all Members of Congress to vote against this bill. The Border Security and Immigration Reform Act, or Speaker Ryan's bill, slashes our family-based immigration system, guts our asylum laws, waives laws that protect communities within 100 miles of the borders and wastes \$23 billion taxpayer dollars to build a wall and militarize border communities. It does provide limited protections for DACA-eligible individuals, but these protections are less robust than even what the President has proposed and the bill harms immigrant youth and their families more than it actually protects them. Nothing in this bill prevents the U.S. government from taking children from their parents and in fact, this bill actually puts children in more danger by keeping them in jail for longer periods of time with fewer standards for their wellbeing. **We call on all Members of Congress to reject this bill and adopt a truly bipartisan compromise that provides a permanent solution for Dreamers without harming immigrant families, like the Dream Act or other similar legislation.**

Under Speaker Ryan's bill, Dreamers are at the mercy of an untested point system that creates a confusing, convoluted path to citizenship that could take more than 20 years. Some Dreamers who don't have enough "points" would never get a path to citizenship. Furthermore, the bill would hold Dreamers ransom to border money; if DHS uses the border money for other purposes, the path to citizenship for Dreamers will be eliminated. Tying the future of the youngest and newest Americans to \$23 billion dollars in border spending and a more than 30 percent increase in Border Patrol agents is wasteful spending and it's wrong, especially given recent reports of CBP abuses. Recently, Border Patrol agents [killed](#) 20-year-old Claudia Gómez González, a Guatemalan woman crossing the border, by shooting her in the head. We reject the massive increased funding to the agencies included in the bill--funding that will be used to continue to expand the cruel and un-American separation of families. We urge Members of Congress to adopt border security grounded in accountability, strict Congressional oversight and the needs of local communities and to cut funding for border militarization, detention, and deportations. We further urge all Members of Congress to reject any approach that uses Dreamers as bargaining chips to enact an anti-immigrant agenda.

This bill keeps families apart and blocks American citizens from reuniting with their married adult children and siblings abroad. U.S. citizen family members who have been in line for over a decade would lose their place in line for a green card and be left with no alternative path to reunification. In addition, the bill terminates the Diversity Visa program, specifically targeting Black immigrants from African countries, which would make our immigration system less equitable and less diverse. We cannot stand for any compromises to our immigration system that refuse to value our families.

Nothing in this bill prevents the Trump administration from taking children from their parents - despite claims to the contrary. The current mass separations are a matter of policy - not law - and this bill does not compel the administration to change its policy. Not only does it not solve this abhorrent,

manufactured crisis, it actually puts children in more danger by stripping away decades of bipartisan protections. With this bill, children will be deported more quickly to some of the most dangerous countries on Earth and if they aren't deported quickly, they will languish for longer periods of time in immigration jails in even worse conditions than currently sanctioned under the law. These provisions directed at children are part of a broader assault on the asylum system in this bill, including significant narrowing of the grounds to apply for asylum and unilaterally declaring any country, including Mexico, a safe third country. The result would be a dramatic reduction in the number of people who are able to obtain humanitarian protection in the U.S.

This bill fails to live up to the ideals enshrined in the Statue of Liberty and to the best of what this nation can be. At this critical juncture in our nation's history when our moral credibility is at stake, we must stand for what is right. We urge Members of Congress to vote "no" on Speaker Ryan's bill, the Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018.

Signed,

*National Organizations*

ACCESS

Action Group Network

Action Together Network

ALAS - Alianza Latina en Contra la Agresión Sexual

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)

America's Voice

American Dance Therapy Association

American Federation of School Administrators

American Federation of Teachers

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Arte Sana

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

Bend the Arc Jewish Action

Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association

Blue Future + the Youth Progressive Action Catalyst

Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities

Center for American Progress

Center for Biological Diversity

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Center for Survivor Agency and Justice

Center for Victims of Torture

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. (CDM)

Church World Service  
Citizens for Criminal JUSTICE  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Climate Hawks Vote  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach  
Columbia Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic  
Common Defense  
Community Food and Justice Coalition  
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
Courage Campaign  
Democrats for Education Reform  
Earthjustice  
Economic Policy Institute Policy Center  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)  
Family Equality Council  
Family Values @ Work  
Farmworker Justice  
Food Empowerment Project  
Franciscan Action Network  
Freedom for Immigrants  
Freedom Network USA  
Friends of the Earth  
Futures Without Violence  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
GreenLatinos  
Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hip Hop Caucus  
Hispanic Federation  
Human Rights Campaign  
Human Rights First  
Human Rights Watch  
Immigrant Defense Project  
Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
Immigration Hub  
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda  
Indivisible  
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy  
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Jewish Women International  
Jobs With Justice  
Justice Strategies  
Justice, Peace and Integrity for Creation Committee of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

Latin America Working Group (LAWG)  
Latino Victory Project  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
League of Conservation Voters  
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service  
Main Street Alliance  
MALDEF  
Mi Familia Vota  
MomsRising  
MoveOn  
NAACP  
NACA Inspired Schools Network  
NAFSA: Association of International Educators  
National Action Network  
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)  
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders  
National Black Justice Coalition  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Family Farm Coalition  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Institute for Reproductive Health  
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health  
National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade Association  
National Network for Arab American Communities  
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
National Network to End Domestic Violence  
National Organization for Women  
National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
National Women's Law Center  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
NDWA/We Belong Together  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Northern Jaguar Project  
OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates  
Peace Roots Alliance  
Pesticide Action Network  
Physicians for Human Rights  
Physicians for Reproductive Health

Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
PolicyLink  
Postcards for America  
Progressive Turnout Project  
RISE Stronger  
Rural Advancement Fund of the National Sharecroppers Fund  
Rural Coalition  
Rural Development Leadership Network  
School Social Work Association of America  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
SIECUS  
Sierra Club  
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)  
Southern Border Communities Coalition (SBCC)  
Stand for Children  
Student Action with Farmworkers  
The Climate Reality Project  
The East Coast Asian American Student Union  
Third Way  
Truman National Security Project  
UFW Foundation  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
UNITE HERE  
United Farm Workers (UFW)  
United Steelworkers  
United We Dream  
Voices for Progress  
Voto Latino  
Women's March  
Women's Refugee Commission  
World Farmers  
Young Democrats of America

*State and Local Organizations*

Action Together NJ Atlantic County  
Action Together Suncoast Indivisible  
AFGE Local 3354  
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Alliance San Diego  
American Indian Mothers Inc. (AIMI)  
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Arkansas United Community Coalition  
Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake Counties Farmers Union (Ohio)  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Chicago  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA  
Asian Law Alliance  
Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council  
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
California Council of Churches IMPACT  
California Institute for Rural Studies  
California League of Conservation Voters  
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
California Voices for Progress  
Campaign for America's Future  
Campesinos Sin Fronteras  
Carmel Valley Women's Network  
CASA  
Central American Resource Center  
Central Washington Justice For Our Neighbors  
Chispa Arizona  
Chula Vista Partners in Courage  
Circle of Health International  
Cleveland Jobs with Justice  
CLUE-Ventura County  
Coalición de Derechos Humanos  
Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Colectiva Legal del Pueblo  
Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Communities for a New California Education Fund  
Community Farm Alliance  
Concerned Citizens of Tillery  
Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
Connections for Abused Women and their Children  
Conservation Voters New Mexico  
Crooked River Action  
Dakota Sustainability League of North Dakota (DSL-ND)  
DCADV  
Dove, Inc.  
DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.  
Earth Ethics, Inc.  
El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos  
El Pueblo, Inc.  
El Vínculo Hispano / Hispanic Liaison - North Carolina  
End Domestic Abuse WI  
Equality North Carolina  
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation  
Esperanza Education Fund  
EverThrive Illinois

Faith Action Network - WA State  
Farmworker Association of Florida  
Filipino Advocates for Justice  
FL Immigrant Coalition  
Florida Council Against Sexual Violence  
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, US Area  
Freedom House  
Friends Committee on Legislation of California  
Friends of Broward Detainees  
Frontera de Cristo  
Fuerza del Valle  
GAPIMNY—Empowering Queer & Trans Asian Pacific Islanders  
Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO)  
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus  
Herd on the Hill  
Hispanic Federation - Connecticut  
Hispanic Federation - Florida  
HOPE of East Central Illinois  
HOPE of Ogle County  
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence  
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Illinois Environmental Council  
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota  
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault  
Indivisible Nation BK  
Indo-American Democratic Organization/IADO  
International Community Health Services  
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement  
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Jane Doe Inc, the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence  
KAN-WIN  
Kansas Black Farmers Association  
Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence  
La Unión del Pueblo Entero (LUPE)  
Land Stewardship Project  
Latino Community Fund (LCF Georgia)  
Latino Community Fund of Washington State  
Legal Aid Justice Center  
Legal Voice  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
LOCAL in Central CT

LOCAL in Northeastern CT  
LOCAL in Southeastern CT  
Lorain Ohio Immigrant Rights Assoc.  
Los Angeles Black Worker Center  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Maine Conservation Voters  
Make the Road New York  
Make the Road Pennsylvania  
Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition  
Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence  
Migrant Center for Human Rights  
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women  
Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance  
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)  
Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Monterey Peace and Justice Center  
Monterey Peninsula Society of Friends (Quakers)  
MS Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Mujeres Latinas en Accion  
Mutual Ground, Inc.  
NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Nevada Conservation League  
New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence  
New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.  
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence  
Nicodemus Educational Camps  
North Carolina Justice Center  
North Shore Democrats For Progress  
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group  
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP)  
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
Ohio Domestic Violence Network  
Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project, Inc.  
OneAmerica  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
PathWays PA  
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape  
Physicians for Social Responsibility -Los Angeles  
Progreso: Latino Progress



Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada  
Promise Arizona  
Reformed Church of Highland Park  
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
RISE District  
RISE Together Piedmont Triad  
Safe Ag, Safe Schools Monterey County  
Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (SAVE), Inc  
Safe Passage  
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium  
SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN)  
Sexual Assault Network of DE  
SHALVA, INC.  
South Bay People Power  
South Suburban Family Shelter  
South Texas Human Rights Center  
Southeast Immigrant Rights Network  
Southland Resistance  
Southwest Environmental Center  
STAND CENTRAL NJ  
Stopping Woman Abuse Now  
Suit Up Maine  
SURJ of Southwest Michigan  
Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition  
Texas Organizing Project  
The Children's Partnership  
The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project  
Tri-Valley Haven  
Turning Point, Inc.  
Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
Violence Free Colorado  
Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance  
W.O.M.A.N., Inc.  
Wallingford Indivisible  
Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs  
Washington Conservation Voters  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network  
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV)  
Welcoming our Immigrant Neighbors of Northern Virginia (WIN-NOVA)  
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice  
Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters  
Woodstock Immigrant Support (WIS)  
Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

YWCA Greater Austin  
YWCA of the Sauk Valley