

While several news sources report--without much foundation or analysis--that the Senate bill will result in the legalization of the "majority"--or even "great majority"--of 12 million undocumented immigrants, a growing number of organizations outside the beltway that represent or assist immigrant communities are coming to a different conclusion that the Senate bill, even with its legalization provisions, would not serve either the immigrant community or the national interest. Below are the statements of several of these organizations and a partial list of organizations that are opposing the bill. Please feel free to circulate to others working on the issue of immigration reform.

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### Statement by Peter Schey, President Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law While Immigrants Rise Up, Congress Falls Down

As the principal legal organization that has represented hundreds of thousands of immigrants in court cases seeking legalization under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), and having assisted the Congress when it addressed IRCA in 1986 and again when it drafted the LIFE Act in 2000, and having worked over the past several months with members of the Senate and local coalitions and community-based organizations to arrive at a comprehensive immigration reform package, we are deeply disappointed with and must now oppose the Senate's immigration bill unless it is dramatically improved in a Conference Committee, the chances of which are exceptionally slim.

We are fully dedicated to and recognize the urgent need for comprehensive immigration reform that fully protects U.S. and foreign-born workers within our borders and addresses the nation's legitimate national security concerns. The bill adopted by the Senate on Thursday entirely fails to satisfy these fundamental goals.

Nevertheless, with immigrants and others in favor of fair and rational immigration reform now on the march throughout the country, we believe that the drive for positive immigration reform is irreversible. Upcoming elections could well change the complexion of the House of Representatives making real immigration reform much more likely. We will work with local coalitions, community-based and national organizations, and concerned members of Congress to make sure that the goal of comprehensive immigration reform remains on the legislative table until it is accomplished.

*While some have applauded the architecture of the Senate immigration bill, a careful review of the entire bill discloses one disastrous and irrational provision after another. Taken as a whole, the bill will not come close to legalizing the majority of undocumented immigrants. In fact, it will increase the size of the undocumented population over time because of its*

draconian enforcement measures that block traditional avenues for undocumented immigrants to legalize their status. If the bill becomes law, it wouldn't be surprising if within 20 years the undocumented population reaches about 20 million. Enactment of the bill will drive undocumented immigrants deeper underground and intensify their fugitive status, which will increase their exploitability and whatever adverse impact they have on U.S. workers.

The three-tier legalization program is absurdly complex, unworkable, and will likely not include even half the undocumented people residing permanently in the U.S. No more than 3 million immigrants (according to reliable IRCA data) will qualify for tier one legalization based upon more than five years of continuous residence. *Even these immigrants will only obtain "temporary" status for eight years (given current visa backlogs of over 20 years), and will wait about 16-18 years to become citizens and be able to vote for the first time.* Relatively few migrants will qualify for permanent residence under the second tier "temporary worker" and third tier "guest worker" programs because they will not have the necessary family relationships or qualifying low-skilled jobs to win permanent resident status. Last year the DOL approved about 5,000 low-skilled worker visas. For those who do succeed, they must wait well over 20 years before they can become citizens and participate in the democratic process. This is an obstacle course to legalization and citizenship, not a reasonable path.

*The Senate's interior enforcement provisions will criminalize all immigrants who entered the country unlawfully, although making them guilty of misdemeanors, rather than felonies as proposed by the House in the Sensenbrenner bill.* Evading inspection is made a "continuous" crime that doesn't end until the immigrant is "discovered." With other provisions and laws that encourage local police to get involved in immigration enforcement, the criminalization of those who enter without inspection will likely result in mass warrantless arrests and detentions of Latino and other people of color in communities throughout the country.

*The Senate bill also criminalizes the use of false or altered documents to obtain jobs, and makes any immigrant who worked using someone else's name or social security number ineligible for visas in the future. These provisions will impact most undocumented workers. They will become criminals because they used someone else's name or documents to obtain employment in order to survive and feed their families. They will be ineligible for visas in the future, but are unlikely to ever leave the country. These provisions, like many other iron-fist measures in the bill, will not force people to leave the country. These measures will simply drive immigrants deeper underground, make them more exploitable, and over the next several years increase the size of the undocumented population.*

The Senate bill overturns recent Supreme Court decisions in order to permit the "indefinite detention" of immigrants believed to be removable. It forces immigrants to abandon their right to appeal erroneous deportation decisions in order to preserve their right to "voluntary departure." It makes it even more difficult for legitimate asylum seekers to win protection from deportation to countries where they face torture and imprisonment. It broadens the definition of "aggravated felonies" to crimes that are neither felonies or aggravated, and then provides for mandatory detention and deportation of all such "felons" regardless of their present immigration status or length of residence in the country. It will cause the deportation of thousands of immigrants who have United States citizen children. It will substantially increase the militarization and criminalization of the US-Mexico border, destroying border communities and further ramping up border deaths and criminal violence.

It also strips the federal courts of their historic role in reviewing and correcting unlawful policies enforced by immigration officials in violation of laws enacted by Congress, as well as erroneous decisions reached in individual cases. No judge will have authority to address unconscionably delays in the processing of applications, or the policies adopted in adjudicating applications. These court-stripping measures will permit prejudice, ignorance of the laws, and even wide-scale lawlessness to permeate the decisions and policies of immigration officials.

If the Senate bill included only its legalization provisions, as flawed and short-sighted as they are, we would support such a bill as offering something that was better than nothing. If the bill offered only the Dream Act to legalize the status of certain immigrant students, we would fully endorse it. If the bill included only provisions to increase the availability of visas and reduce the current massive visa backlogs, we would unquestionably support it. However, as presently constructed, the bill offers a hopelessly flawed legalization as a velvet glove to some immigrants, and a sledge-hammer approach to all other immigrants. This approach may grant something akin to indentured servitude to a few million immigrants, but it will drive the majority, as well as new entrants, far deeper underground, intensify their fugitive status, increase their exploitability, and over time substantially expand the size of the undocumented population. That's a combination that we, as a human rights organization, are bound to reject.

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**Statement by AFL-CIO President John Sweeney  
On the Senate's Immigration Bill  
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We are deeply disappointed that the Senate missed a historic opportunity to fix our nation's broken immigration system in a just, meaningful and comprehensive way. We strongly believe that America deserves an immigration system that protects all workers within our borders and at same time guarantees the safety of our nation without compromising our fundamental civil rights and liberties. The bill adopted by the Senate yesterday failed to satisfy those fundamental principles.

Instead of raising working standards for all workers by providing a fair path to citizenship to the 12 million undocumented workers currently living in our communities, the Senate adopted the framework of the fatally flawed Martinez-Hagel compromise, which creates an undemocratic, unjust and unworkable three-tiered society that denigrates and marginalize millions of immigrant families. That three-tiered approach creates a caste society in which millions of hard-working immigrants are driven further into the shadows of American society, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation.

We are also disappointed that the Senate adopted the greedy corporate model of addressing our nations' future needs for workers--guestworker programs-- instead of

crafting a mechanism to ensure that future foreign workers come into the US with full rights and as full social partners. We are heartened by the fact that the Senate substantially reduced the size of the new H2C guestworker program and added many worker protections that were missing from earlier versions of the proposed legislation. Clearly, the Senate recognized the exploitative nature of guestworker programs and their detrimental effects on US workers and foreign workers alike.

We echo the concerns expressed by civil rights, religious and community leaders about the erosion of civil liberties and other fundamental rights embodied in the Senate bill.

Further, we stand behind immigrant workers and immigrant communities around the country, who have expressed deep concerns with the Senate bill because, among other things, it creates deep divisions within immigrant communities and leaves millions of immigrants in the shadows.

This is not the time to start popping champagne corks. Our work is far from over. As the only national organization in our country dedicated exclusively to standing up for working people, we will continue to fight for workers' rights and for a strong blanket standard of treatment that makes no exceptions and that benefits the middle-class as a whole.

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### **AALDEF STATEMENT OPPOSING HAGEL-MARTINEZ BILL (S. 2611)**

The convoluted debate in the Senate over "comprehensive immigration reform" has made one thing abundantly clear: we must oppose passage of the Hagel-Martinez bill (S. 2611).

The Hagel-Martinez bill is neither reform nor comprehensive policy for immigration. As we suspected, the political climate of the debate has converted this immigration bill into a Trojan horse into which lawmakers have crammed anti-immigrant and undemocratic policies. Instead of opportunities of legalization for all with full workers' rights and protections, S. 2611 in its basic form proposes to divide our communities by dividing the undocumented into three

groups based on how long they have been in the U.S., which would likely bar more than half the undocumented population from adjusting their status from within the U.S. It also vastly increases detention and deportation practices and further militarizes the border.

None of the above proposals will become law as a result of this compromised debate if we stop the passage of Hagel-Martinez. We know that if the Senate were to pass Hagel-Martinez, Congress must reconcile it with the House of Representatives' enforcement-only H.R. 4437 in order for it to become law. In effect, pushing a flawed bill through the Senate would result in the dilution of any meaningful protections for immigrants remaining in the Senate bill, and leave our immigration system even worse off than it was in 1986, when Congress last enacted large-scale immigration reform.

The Senate has also passed an unnecessary amendment to S. 2611 that declared English as our "national language" and that could undercut immigrants' access to government services and communication in multiple languages.

Instead, our communities have proposed ten principles for comprehensive immigration reform. Broadly, any legislation lawmakers consider must honor all of the following:

Adjustment to legal status for undocumented immigrants.

Clearing of the immigration backlog.

Expansion of legal immigration opportunities to account for both family-based immigration and the needs of our economy.

Provisions that keep families together.

Stronger protections for workers-including repeal of employer sanctions, no new guestworker programs, and path to citizenship for future workers.

Ending of all detention for mere civil immigration violations and repeal of mandatory deportation.

Stronger civil rights standards for enforcement efforts, including ending of racial and ethnic profiling and selective targeting of communities.

Full due process rights and judicial review for individuals in removal proceedings.

No state and local enforcement of immigration laws.

Reasonable, just, and humane enforcement and border policies.

If any law or policy does not meet the above principles that we have set as a starting point, we must voice our opposition and demand nothing less than "comprehensive" immigration reform.

AALDEF urges communities to call their Senator immediately at (202) 224-3121 to oppose passage of Hagel-Martinez.

*The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), founded in 1974, is a national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans. By combining litigation, advocacy, education, and organizing, AALDEF works with Asian American communities across the country to secure human rights for all.*

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## **The Senate Immigration Reform Bill They Didn't Get it Right!**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA:** After much debate and discussion, the Senate by a vote of 62 to 36 passed S. 2611, a measure that would profoundly reform our immigration laws.

Unfortunately and tragically, they did not get it right: unfortunately, because our nation desperately needs good reform; and tragically because the positive provisions in the bill have been fatally compromised by the negative measures included in the bill. Moreover, in a conference with the House, we expect that the bill's positive provisions will be further eroded, if not eliminated, and the negative provisions made more draconian and unfair.

This has been a difficult debate, and we applaud those Senators who spoke out in support of immigrants and the positive contributions immigrants are making to our nation. We thank them for standing up for immigrants on the Senate floor every day and for speaking out loudly and clearly against the restrictionist and nativist sentiments that have erupted during this debate.

What are the provisions of most concern to the ILRC that are in the Senate bill?

- A fundamentally unworkable three tiered legalization program with exorbitant fees that will be a nightmare to implement.
- Local and state police encouraged to enforce federal civil immigration law, a body of law that most do not understand and the enforcement of which will dramatically hamper community policing and discourage victims and witnesses of crime from coming forward. Contracts between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and local police in every state will be promoted so that local police will enforce immigration laws and immigration information will be entered into NCIC, the federal criminal database.
- U.S. Mexico border militarized: An additional 370 miles of triple-layered fencing will be added along the U.S.-Mexico border as well as 500 miles of vehicle barriers.
- People, including persons with green cards, will be detained without bond for failing to file a change of address card, even though the federal government does not even have the capacity to process all these filed changes.
- Increased number of people deported for minor crimes and misdemeanors, changing the rules in the middle of the game: Long time legal permanent residents will be mandatorily deportable for minor crimes such as having three DUI's (Driving under the Influence) no matter how long ago they were convicted and despite their rehabilitation, extensive family ties, and length of time in this country.
- U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents criminalized for helping family members or friends.

- The number of youth who could be found deportable and ineligible for any immigration benefits expanded based on the sole finding that the child is or was a member of a gang, with no requirement that any criminal act was committed or there was actual gang activity or involvement.
- American businesses challenged by requiring employers to verify every single worker, when the only employer verification system that exists is rife with error, and a new, comprehensive database is years away.
- Faster deportation of people allowed and the court doors closed so that people are prohibited from ever seeing a judge, even if they have lived here for years.
- New hurdles created to citizenship by changing the test to require applicants to know key U.S. inventors and artists and information about the Federalist Papers .
- All U.S. citizens subject to long criminal background checks in petitioning a family member and some precluded from sponsoring their immediate relatives altogether.
- I-9 document requirements that undermine legalization. (We need to review the Manager's Amendment that was introduced today to determine if this issue was resolved.)

Although S. 2611 includes positive provisions that would reduce the backlog in family-based immigration, as well as AgJobs, DREAM Act, and a well-intentioned, but flawed, legalization program, the measures noted above dramatically undermine these provisions. As if that weren't bad enough, the "enforcement" provisions in the bill will cost Americans billions of dollars, will overwhelm the Department of Homeland Security, and will not accomplish its stated goals.

We will continue to fight for immigration reform that works for America, immigrants, and communities nationwide. Our country deserves something better than what has come out of the process to date.

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### **AFSC CALLS FOR SUBSTANTIVE IMMIGRATION POLICY SOLUTIONS**

Senate Leaders Falter: Immigrants and Border Communities Become National Security Scapegoats

PHILADELPHIA (MAY 24) –

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In what have been difficult days packed with bipartisan rhetoric, emotionally charged and tough talk, the U.S. Senate has repeatedly failed to produce substantive immigration reform measures. Instead of comprehensive and coherent policies, Senate leaders have charged ahead with short-term, punitive measures or enforcement-only provisions, such as the total militarization of the border and provisions for the construction of miles of multi-layered fences. Some argue for an "apartheid-like" tiered legalization process.

"What is being fashioned in the halls of Congress does not represent what is in the best interest of our nation," notes Esther Nieves, interim director of Project VOICE, the American Friends Service Committee immigrant rights initiative. "The tone and tenure of the debate has focused on pre-election political convenience, one-upmanship and demagoguery. We urge our legislators not to succumb to partisan shortsightedness that ultimately only divides

families and destroys communities.”

An amendment imposing English-only requirements moves the bar for eventual citizenship even higher. Studies have consistently documented that immigrants consider learning to speak and communicate in English of critical importance. To bar immigrants from accessing resources or becoming legal residents because of English proficiency is a damaging indictment. Indeed, a more sensible solution would be the allocation of resources to conduct English and civic classes rather than the imposition of an English-only litmus test.

“The measures that have been presented are troubling. As proposed, the process leading to permanent residency and eventual citizenship will be quite cumbersome, punitive and unrealistic,” observed Christian Ramirez, AFSC Project VOICE national base-building coordinator. “Long-term solutions that address structural flaws in the immigration system have been lost in the discourse.”

The Bush administration has set in motion a multibillion-dollar federal contract process and has solicited bids from major contractors to increase security on the southern border. Taking a chapter from its warfare-building arsenal, the administration recently requested \$1.95 billion from Congress to “fix the problem of immigration.” However, the continued build-up of the border and the infusion of dollars to further militarize the region by adding National Guard troops, more enforcement agents and new technology has no impact on the long-term policies that are needed to bring 12 million undocumented workers and their families out of the shadows.

The continued build up of the border and the infusion of dollars – more than \$30 billion in the past decade have not deterred border crossings. Instead 4,000 people have died crossing the desert in the past 12 years.

“Congress and the current administration must acknowledge that there are 12 million undocumented workers who have established deep roots in the United States,” emphasizes Joyce Miller, AFSC assistant general secretary for justice and human rights. “They work, they pay taxes, they live here, they have married and have children here, they shop here, and they worship in local churches and are an asset to local economies. The Senate is steadily chipping away at this historic juncture – that is, to bring millions of immigrants out of the shadows.”

“It is ludicrous to use taxpayers’ dollars to continue to build fences, erect barriers, and impose punitive and mean-spirited policies. These are tremendously difficult issues that our national leaders must tackle. The discrepancy over who has health coverage in this country, the rising cost of medication, the skyrocketing gasoline prices, a coherent energy plan, the dwindling resources of the nation’s working and middle class families, and other basic quality of life concerns would be a wiser use of our national budget resources,” Ramirez concluded.

The American Friends Service Committee supports the rights and dignity of all people, regardless of their immigration status. AFSC’s Project VOICE works to uplift immigrant voices and strengthen efforts of immigrant-led organizations to set an agenda for fair and humane national public policies. Backed by an 89-year history working for peace, justice and reconciliation in troubled areas of the world, the American Friends Service Committee is a faith-based organization grounded in Quaker beliefs respecting the dignity and worth of every person. The AFSC has worked in Mexico on rural and urban development projects and with migrant farm workers in California since 1940. In 1977 AFSC’s U.S./Mexico Border Program was created.

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National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

## **National Statement to Support Human and Civil Rights for All Immigrants And to Oppose Compromise Immigration Reform Proposals**

Fair and Just Immigration Reform for All

We stand together as immigrant, faith, social justice, labor, peace, human and civil rights organizations and other concerned communities to support human and civil rights for all immigrants and to oppose the immigration "reform" proposals presently in the U.S. Senate. We oppose H.R. 4437, the immigration bill passed in the House of Representatives in December, as well as all of the compromise bills presented in the Senate.

We call upon members of Congress and the Administration to stop masquerading these proposals as immigration reform. We demand nothing less than immigration policies that are fair and just, and that respect the rights and dignity of all immigrants and other members of our society.

The rush to reach a bipartisan accord on immigration legislation has led to a compromise that would create deep divisions within the immigrant community and leave millions of undocumented immigrants in the shadows of our country. We oppose the behind-the-scenes brokering currently playing out in the legislative process. These trade-offs and deals are based on election-year campaigning and demands by business lobbyists, rather than on the best interests and voices of immigrant communities. We say, "No deal!"

In a re-ignited civil rights movement, millions of immigrants, their families, neighbors and co-workers, along with faith and labor leaders, peace and justice advocates, have marched and rallied in cities across the United States...

This year is the 20th anniversary of the 1986 legalization and employer sanctions law, and the 10th anniversary of the restrictive Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act. We cannot allow the current proposals to be enacted as this generation's flawed immigration reform legacy.

What We Want: Fair and Just Immigration Reform

Fair and just immigration reform means:

- \* Genuine legalization and opportunities to adjust status for all undocumented immigrants, including youth and farmworkers
- \* Preservation of due process, including restoration of access to the courts and meaningful judicial review for immigrants.
- \* No indefinite detention or expansion of mandatory detention
- \* No expansion of guest-worker programs

- \* No more wasted resources allocated to further militarize our borders and that contribute to the crisis of human rights and lives in the border regions
- \* An end to employer sanctions and electronic worker verification systems
- \* The strengthening and enforcement of labor law protections for all workers, native and foreign born
- \* No use of city, state or other government agencies in the enforcement of immigration law
- \* No more criminalization of immigrants, or their service providers
- \* Expansion of legal immigration opportunities, support for family reunification and immediate processing of the backlog of pending visa applications
- \* Elimination of harsh obstacles to immigrating, including the HIV ban, "3 and 10 year bars," and high- income requirements for immigrant sponsors.

#### The Current "Legalization" Proposal is Unacceptable

The proposed 3-tiered temporary worker program offers little hope for broad, inclusive legalization of undocumented immigrants. What some are calling a "path to citizenship" in the last Senate bill is merely a massive temporary worker program without worker protections, and contains numerous hurdles that will drastically limit the number of undocumented immigrants who can actually legalize. Such a program would divide communities, including mixed-status families, erode wage and benefits standards, and place a greater burden on safety-net services.

#### The Enforcement Proposals Undermine All of our Rights

Significant provisions in the current Senate proposals would dramatically undermine a broad array of rights, increase the criminalization of all immigrants, result in mass deportations, and unfairly exclude millions from eligibility for any legalization opportunity. The expansion of expedited removal would eliminate the right to a court hearing, while the broadened definition of "aggravated felony" to include many minor offenses would result in mandatory detention and mass deportations. ...

Moreover, the increased resources to militarize the border, which has already cost over \$30 billion in the past 12 years, has not deterred unauthorized border crossings and instead has caused a humanitarian crisis with the deaths of some 4,000 people in the desert. Current border enforcement policies, laws and practices, without provision for safe and legal entry, have resulted in the detention and criminalization of tens of thousands of people at a significant daily cost to taxpayers.

#### The Proposals Fail to Protect Workers

The current proposals would further erode already weak labor protections and rights for immigrants and other workers. Immigrant workers have historically been used as "cheap labor" by employers and industries unwilling to pay decent wages or to maintain reasonable working conditions. These proposals continue in that same shameful vein, and are designed to force and keep wages down to compete with cheap labor suppliers

globally.

Workers need more, not less, rights. A real legalization proposal needs to be coupled with the repeal of employer sanctions, the provision of the landmark 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act that has led to the criminalization of immigrant workers, and which would be deepened through an expansion of an employment verification system. This program has done nothing in the last twenty years but increase discrimination and abuse of immigrant workers.

Employers have had greater leverage to threaten and intimidate immigrant workers, break organizing efforts, carry out unjust firings, and lower wages and work conditions for all working people. These abuses impact the entire American workforce, particularly the most vulnerable toiling in low-wage jobs such as farmworkers, day laborers and domestic workers.

#### No Expansion of Guest Worker Programs

A key concern is the significant expansion of guest worker programs found in almost all Senate proposals and supported by the Administration. We oppose these programs both when they are tied to legalization for undocumented immigrants already living and working here, and as a means for managing future flows of immigrants into the United States. The U.S. does not have a shortage of workers; what we have is a shortage of employers willing to pay a living wage and maintain decent working conditions.

Guest worker programs have been condemned by labor and immigrant communities for their long record of violations of labor rights and standards, including blacklists and deportations of workers who protest. In 1964, Ernesto Galarza, Cesar Chavez and other defenders of workplace rights won the abolition of the old Bracero guest worker program. The purpose of that program, they said, was the creation a vulnerable workforce in order to drive down wages and break union organizing efforts among immigrants and non-immigrants alike. The purpose of current proposals is the same. Temporary, contract workers are prevented the option of putting down roots and becoming full and equal members of our communities.

Future migrants should not be forced to accept a second-class status, violating our country's most basic commitments to equality. They should be given permanent residence status, allowing them to work and travel freely, to exercise their labor rights, and to live as any other member of our society.

#### No Compromise, No Deal on Fair and Just Immigration Reform

In recent years, immigrant community members, including youth and students, farmworkers and others, have effectively organized and rallied in support of legislative proposals to strengthen their rights and opportunities to be equal members of this society. Despite the loud and determined voice of immigrant communities, advocates and supporters for fair and just immigration reform this year, we have yet to see an acceptable proposal from Congress. And with H.R. 4437 already passed by the House, we are very aware that any proposal from the Senate would be subject to further compromise in a Senate-House reconciliation process, and would likely produce laws that would detrimentally affect current and future immigrants for years to come.

Increased enforcement does not address the complex issue of global migration.

Employer sanctions and beefed up border security have been in place for decades as deterrents to migration, and yet the number of undocumented continues to grow. The sources of migration rest in the problems of economic and political instability, poverty and war in migrant- sending countries.

Despite the urgency of the immigration issue in this country, it is clearly not just a "domestic" issue and our policies need to consider support for economic stability, fair trade agreements and peace as vital to addressing the migration of people in search of work, survival, and safety.

We will continue to raise our voices for genuine immigration reform that respects the rights and dignity of all immigrants, and is fair and just. Immigrant workers, students and families are making incredible sacrifices to raise their voices for themselves and future generations, in the face of recriminations and disciplinary actions from employers and schools. As immigrant communities continue to mobilize for their rights, on May 1 and beyond, we will support their right and choice to express themselves.

We pledge to increase public education efforts and the building and mobilization of meaningful alliances, and we will encourage and support immigrant community leadership to advance real immigration reform. We call upon Congress and the Administration to heed the voices of immigrant communities demanding genuine immigration reforms: real legalization, equitable inclusion in our society, justice, and respect for human rights.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE SENATE IMMIGRATION BILL. MANY HAVE ENDORSED THE NATIONAL STATEMENT TO SUPPORT HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL IMMIGRANTS AND TO OPPOSE COMPROMISE IMMIGRATION REFORM PROPOSALS:

Access California Services (Anaheim, CA)  
Adhikaar (Staten Island, NY)  
Alliance of South Asians Taking Action (ASATA) (Oakland, CA)  
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee -- Massachusetts Chapter (Boston, MA)  
American Friends Service Committee-Austin (Austin, TX)  
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) (Philadelphia, PA)  
Arab American Family Support Center (Brooklyn, NY)  
Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) (Dearborn, MI)  
Asian Immigrant Women Advocates (Oakland, CA)  
Asian Pacific Environmental Network (Oakland, CA)  
Asociacion Latina (Clarksville, TN)  
Aztlan Media Kollektive (East Los Angeles & San Francisco, CA)  
Audre Lorde Project (New York, NY)  
Bonilla Community Services (Durham, NC)  
Border Agricultural Workers Project (El Paso, TX)  
Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (Berkeley, CA)  
Black Workers for Justice (North Carolina)  
CAAAY Organizing Asian Communities (New York, NY)  
CASA Latina (Seattle, WA)  
Center for Constitutional Rights (New York, NY)

Center for Immigrant Families (New York, NY)  
 Central Valley Progressive PAC (Fresno, CA)  
 CENTRO HISPANO "Cuzcatlán" (Jamaica, NY)  
 CAA: Chinese for Affirmative Action/Center for Asian American Advocacy (San Francisco, CA)  
 Chicano Consortium (Sacramento, CA)  
 Chinese Progressive Association (San Francisco, CA)  
 Coalición de Derechos Humanos (Tucson, AZ)  
 Coalición de Trabajadores de Immokalee (Immokalee, FL)  
 Comite NO NOS VAMOS (Fresno, CA)  
 Community HIV/ AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP) (Providence, RI)  
 Derechos Humanos (Tucson)  
 Desis Rising Up & Moving (DRUM) (New York, NY)  
 Eastern Massachusetts Jobs with Justice  
 Esperanza Peace and Justice Center (San Antonio, TX)  
 Farmworker Legal Services of NY, Inc. (Rochester, NY)  
 Filipinos for Affirmative Action (Oakland, CA)  
 Filipino Civil Rights Advocates (FilCRA) (Oakland, CA)  
 Frente Continental (Los Angeles, CA)  
 Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales (FIOB) (Fresno, CA)  
 Fuerza Unida (San Antonio, TX)  
 Gay Men's Health Crisis (New York, NY)  
 Gente Unida/San Diego Border Coalition for Human Rights (Chula Vista, CA)  
 Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights (Boston, MA)  
 Health Initiatives for Youth (San Francisco, CA)  
 Hispanic Organizations Leadership Alliance (Washington, DC)  
 Iglesia San Romero de Las Americas-UCC (New York, NY)  
 Iglesia Metodista Unida Summerfield (New York, NY)  
 Immigrant Communities in Action (New York, NY)  
 Immigrant Justice Solidarity Project (Brooklyn, NY)  
 Immigration Equality (New York, NY)  
 Inmigrantes Latinos en Accion (Austin, TX)  
 Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (New York, NY)  
 Junta Centro Mujer Dominicana (New York, NY)  
 Korean Americans United For Peace (Bay Area, CA)  
 Korean Community Center of the East Bay (Oakland, CA)  
 Korean Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA), (Los Angeles, CA)  
 Korean Youth Cultural Center (Oakland, CA)  
 La Raza Centro Legal, SF Day Labor Program (San Francisco, CA)  
 Labor Council for Latin American Advancement--Massachusetts Chapter  
 Latino Union of Chicago (Chicago, IL)  
 Los Angeles Coalition to End Hunger and Homelessness (Los Angeles, CA)  
 March 25 Coalition (a group of 100 political and immigrant rights organizations who called for the Great American Boycott of 2006)  
 Mexican American Political Association (California)  
 Migrant Worker Solidarity of Douglas County (Eudora, KS)  
 Migration Policy & Resource Center/Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA)  
 National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) (Silver Spring, MD)  
 National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (Boston, MA)  
 National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC)  
 National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (Oakland, CA)  
 North Carolina Justice Center (Durham, NC)  
 Nuestra Casa (East Palo Alto, CA)

Orange County Peace & Freedom Party (Anaheim, CA)  
The Oakland Institute (Oakland, CA)  
Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)  
Project Voice New England -- American Friends Service Committee (Boston, MA)  
San Francisco Day Labor Program Women's Collective of La Raza Centro Legal (San Francisco, CA)  
Section of Christian Social Responsibility, Women's Division, United Methodist Church (New York, NY)  
Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (Albuquerque, NM)  
Southwest Organizing Project (Albuquerque, NM)  
Southwest Workers' Union (San Antonio, TX)  
South Asian Network (Artesia, CA)  
Speak Out - The Institute for Democratic Education and Culture (Emeryville, CA)  
Student/Farmworker Alliance (Immokalee, FL)  
The Applied Research Center (Oakland, CA)  
ThinkingPeople (Mount Pleasant, SC)  
Third World Majority (Oakland, CA)  
United for a Fair Economy (Boston, MA)  
UP (United Progressives) for Democracy  
US-Mexico Border Program / American Friends Service Committee (San Diego, CA)  
Voluntarios de la Comunidad (Sacramento, CA)

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