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TO:

Speaker of the House, Representative Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader, Representative Kevin McCarthy
Senate Majority Leader, Senator Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader, Senator Charles Schumer

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, express our concern and disagreement with proposed increases in funding for Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and for new border barrier construction. We also disagree with what will amount to be an increase, not a decrease, in the detention of immigrants.

These increases will cause more harm to immigrants, asylum seekers, immigrant communities and families, and the environment. This funding and accompanying practices will not alleviate the driving factors for migrants and asylum seekers, nor provide avenues for immigrants working and living in the U.S. to adjust their status and continue to live productive lives.

We urge you to reduce the enforcement and detention budgets for ICE and CBP, reject the funding of border barrier construction, and disallow the transfer of funds from other accounts to expand these budgets.

Sincerely,

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Cambridge United for Justice with Peace
Cielo Maya
Coastal Karen
Colibri Center for Human Rights
DEAS-INAH
Democratic Socialists of America
Enlace
Filipino Advocates for Justice
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition
Hispanic Liaison / El Vínculo Hispano
La Raza Centro Legal
Living Hope Wheelchair Association
Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

(Organizations listed for identification)
Nicaragua Center for Community Action
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians)
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
South Texas Human Rights Center
Southeast Immigrant Rights Network
Youth Caucus of America

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