



## **Congress: Don't Fund a Border Wall, Deportation Force or Detention Centers**

President Trump has requested an additional \$7.5 billion in fiscal years 2017 and 2018 to build costly and ineffectual additional border wall infrastructure, further militarize bi-national and indigenous border communities, hire more immigration enforcement and border patrol agents, and permanently expand immigrant detention, including for women, children, and asylum seekers. As people of faith, we are called to stand against these discriminatory policies.

- » **Congress should invest in long term solutions rather than endless enforcement.** Funding President Trump's executive orders is not a one-time cost. It would result in permanent, expensive changes to the immigration enforcement machinery and billions of dollars spent without addressing the problem: a punitive, outdated immigration system. We call upon Congress to develop bipartisan, comprehensive reform that will offer lasting and real solutions on immigration and fund international programs that address the root causes of migration.
- » **These executive orders do not represent welcoming communities across the United States.** These orders further an exclusionist agenda that targets immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and Muslims. We invite Members of Congress to instead live up to our nation's values and act with moral authority.
- » **Additional funding for endless enforcement comes at the expense of vital community programs.** Education, housing, and nutritional assistance programs promote public safety and alleviate poverty. Poverty-focused international assistance reduces the need for people to have to migrate. However, President Trump's budget requests would reduce these critical programs. Congress has an opportunity to protect our tax dollars and ensure billions of dollars don't go toward expanding immigration enforcement, separating families, or detaining children, and instead are invested in our collective future.

**Please oppose funding the Department of Homeland Security supplemental request for FY17 and unprecedented expansion of immigration enforcement and detention in FY18.**

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