

February 2, 2016

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As representatives of the nation's immigrant rights movement and members of the faith community, we present to you a petition signed by **135,994** concerned Americans who are calling on you to end the recent raids and deportations against families from Central America and elsewhere.

President Obama, your administration has ordered the deportation of families fleeing violence in Central America, putting the lives of children and their parents in danger. The home raids are terrorizing communities and trampling on the rights of people who fear they will be killed if they are deported back to the violence they fled.

This treatment of people seeking refuge is inhumane and unacceptable. President Obama, we call on you to immediately cease these enforcement tactics and ensure these individuals have a fair day in court and expand Temporary Protective Status to people in need from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. It's time to end the deportations.

Reports indicate widespread problems with due process for many of those in immigration proceedings: a large number of individuals with deportation orders never received notification to appear in court, and never had a chance at a fair hearing. This is largely due to the accelerated and aggressive deportation processes put in place recently by your administration. Others had no legal representation, fending for themselves in a system that is very complicated.

President Obama, we have a moral obligation to provide aide to people fleeing violence and these people have a right to make their case. Your administration must stand up for the rights and the dignity of people seeking refuge in the US. **We call upon you to use your authority to end these deportation tactics today.**

Sincerely,

