

March 3, 2015

Dear Member of Congress:

We write on behalf of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM), the largest coalition of grassroots immigrant rights organizations in the nation, to express our opposition to four anti-immigrant bills up for debate in the House Judiciary Committee this week: **H.R. 1147**, the "Legal Workforce Act"; **H.R. 1149**, the "Protection of Children Act of 2015"; **H.R. 1153**, the "Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2015"; and a recycled version of the widely-discredited SAFE Act, **H.R. 1148**, the "Michael Davis, Jr. in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act." Collectively, these bills not only seek to undo the commonsense measures put in place by the President last November, they would also deny important protections to countless asylum-seekers, survivors of domestic violence, victims of human trafficking, children seeking safety in the U.S. from endemic violence in Central America, and military family members.

FIRM welcomes real debate on concrete policy proposals aimed at permanently fixing our broken immigration system. However, these Republican bills offer nothing in the way of solutions and are further evidence that Republicans are incapable of legislating. Instead, the Republican-controlled Congress is caught up in a divisive political battle that is harming not only immigrant families across America but our nation as a whole. We urge Republicans to temper their prejudices and open their eyes to the reality of the needs of our country and lead.

Sincerely,

Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice, ACIJ Alliance for a Just Society, AJS Arkansas United Community Coalition, AUCC CASA de Maryland CASA de Virginia Causa Oregon Center for Community Change, CCC Center for Popular Democracy, CPD Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights Los Angeles, CHIRLA Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, CIRC Comunidades Unidas, CU, Utah Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas, COFEM EL CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos, New Mexico Florida Immigrant Coalition, FLIC Idaho Community Action Network, ICAN Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, ICIRR Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, Iowa CCI Junta for Progressive Action, JUNTA, Connecticut

Latin American Coalition, LAC, North Carolina

Maine People's Alliance

Make The Road New York

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugees Advocacy Coalition, MIRA

Michigan United

National Korean American Services and Educational Consortium, NAKASEC

National Partnership for New Americans, NPNA

National People's Action, NPA

Nebraska Appleseed

New Hampshire Alliance for Immigrant Rights-MIRA

New York Immigration Coalition, NYIC

One America, Washington

Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition, PICC

Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noreste, PCUN, Oregon

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, PLAN

Promise Arizona, PAZ

Rights for All People, RAP, Colorado

Somos un Pueblo Unido, New Mexico

Sunflower Community Action, Kansas

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, TIRRC

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