



**Dane  
Sanctuary  
Coalition**

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President Joseph Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

Under your leadership the United States has rightly welcomed refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine, and it is beginning to undo some of the most inhumane policies of the Trump Administration.

However, do not forget the approximately 11 million people who work tirelessly at all stages of food production, construction, services, health care, and more. Their work is essential to keep Americans fed and the U.S. economy going; they pay taxes and Social Security and receive no benefits, even throughout the pandemic. We employ them but mistreat them. Can the exploitation of “others” stop with you?

Our undocumented immigrant neighbors and friends, and the 4.4 million US citizen children living with them, deserve to live with dignity, free of fear, insecurity, and anguish. We must allow them to thrive. Otherwise, Americans will continue to live with generations of traumatized children, who become traumatized adults. The time for change is now.

As people of faith, we urgently ask you to advocate and work towards:

- Paths to legalization: Presidential pardon; expansion of Temporary Protected Status.
- Abolishing of 287g, a policy that creates constant fear and stress in immigrant families.
- Ending for-profit detention centers – there is flagrant abuse and unaccountability, not to mention the immorality of profiting from people’s vulnerability.

We trust that you and your administration will lead towards a United States of America that lives up to its highest ideals - where the stranger is welcomed, and all neighbors are loved.

Thank you,

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