

August 2, 2022

U.S. Senate  
50 Constitution Ave NE  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Re: Vote Recommendation Opposing Anti-Immigrant Amendments to the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022**

Dear Senator:

The undersigned 286 state, local, and national immigration, civil rights, public health, business, education, religious, labor, and other organizations write to respectfully request that you **VOTE NO** on any amendment to the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 that would harm immigrant communities and be a “poison pill” that could derail this important legislation. This bill works to reduce the deficit, fight inflation, invest in both energy and the environment, and lower health care costs for working Americans—Senators should focus on delivering this relief rather than advancing an anti-immigrant agenda.

We ask you to oppose anti-immigrant amendments to the Inflation Reduction Act, including amendments that would:

- **End Asylum at the Border.** Amendments seeking to end asylum by codifying and indefinitely extending the Title 42 expulsions policy would violate a Democratic commitment to providing a fair asylum system. Amendments that make Title 42’s rescission contingent on the termination of the COVID-19 emergency declaration will have widespread public health and safety ramifications. Such amendments would also violate our commitment to stand with asylum seekers, immigrants, and communities of color disparately impacted by immigration law. Title 42, the Trump-era border policy that threatens to dismantle the U.S. asylum system, has resulted in more than two million expulsions that send people back to Mexico and their country of origin without even an asylum screening, as required under U.S. law. This racist policy endangers refugees, violates immigrants’ right to seek asylum and refuge, and accelerates anti-immigrant violence and rhetoric. Title 42, and deterrence-based policies like it, sow chaos at the border rather than ameliorating it by shuttering the ports of entry to those seeking safety and driving them to take other dangerous pathways.
- **Harm Immigrants’ Health, Economic Well-Being, or Education.** Precluding otherwise eligible families from accessing critical health programs, using economic supports, or pursuing their educational and employment goals undermines the health care goals of the bill and would harm entire communities and the broader economy. This includes applying any double standards to immigrants during the pandemic when it comes to vaccination requirements or access to public health measures.
- **Further Bloat Enforcement or Militarize the Border.** Deterrence-based enforcement and continued surveillance and abuse, both at the border and throughout the interior, should not and cannot be inserted into this bill. This includes increased and unnecessary funding to interior enforcement, border enforcement, and detention as well as any punishment for states and localities who choose to prioritize public safety by separating local government institutions, including law enforcement, from federal immigration enforcement.

We urge you to vote in ways that protect immigrants and **VOTE NO** against any anti-immigrant amendments presented for this bill. Adopting anti-immigrant amendments to the Inflation Reduction Act will likely bring forth challenges to the passage of this important legislation. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

### **National Organizations**

#WelcomeWithDignity

ADL (Anti-Defamation League)

Advocating Opportunity

AFL-CIO

African American Ministers In Action

African Communities Together

Alianza Americas

America's Voice

American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees

American Federation of Teachers

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

American Jewish Committee

American Muslim Empowerment Network (AMEN)

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)

Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC

Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP)

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action

Black Alliance for Just Immigration

Border Organizing Project

Bread for the World

CASA

Center for Gender & Refugee Studies

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Center for Victims of Torture

Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Children's Defense Fund

Children's HealthWatch

Church of the Brethren, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy

Church World Service

Coalition on Human Needs

Communities United for Status and Protection

Community Catalyst

Community Change Action

Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Detention Watch Network

Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries

Doctors for Camp Closure

Dreamers Mothers In Action (DMIA)

EMGAGE

Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)  
Esperanza United (Formerly Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network)  
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM) Action  
Families Belong Together  
Families USA  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Food Empowerment Project  
Franciscan Action Network  
Freedom for Immigrants (FFI)  
Freedom Network USA  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Haitian Bridge Alliance  
HIAS  
Hispanic Federation  
Human Impact Partners  
Human Rights First  
IHM Sisters  
Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
Immigration Equality Action Fund  
Indivisible  
Innovation Law Lab  
InReach  
Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti  
Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center  
International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Justice Action Center  
Justice in Motion  
Kids in Need of Defense  
Kino Border Initiative  
Latin America Working Group (LAWG)  
Latino Initiative on Restorative Justice  
League of United Latin American Citizens  
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)  
MomsRising  
MPower Change Action Fund  
Multifaith Alliance for Syrian Refugees  
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Homelessness Law Center  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Immigration Project (NIPNLG)  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice  
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA)

Oxfam America  
ParentsTogether  
Physicians for Human Rights  
Poder Latinx  
Presente.org  
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration  
Prevention Institute  
RAICES  
Refugees International  
RESULTS  
Save the Children  
School Sisters of Notre Dame, Central Pacific Province  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership  
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team  
Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross  
Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center  
Southern Border Communities Coalition  
St. Columban Mission for Justice, Peace and Ecology  
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights  
Tahirih Justice Center  
The Advocates for Human Rights  
The Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)  
The Immigration Hub  
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)  
UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic  
UndocuBlack Network  
UnidosUS  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice  
United Church of Christ Justice and Local Church Ministries  
United We Dream  
URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity  
Washington Office on Latin America  
We Are All America  
WHEATON FRANCISCAN SISTERS JPIC Office  
Witness at the Border  
Women's Refugee Commission  
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

### **State and Local Organizations**

ACLU of Virginia  
ACLU of West Virginia  
ACLU People Power Fairfax  
AIDS Foundation Chicago (AFC)  
Al Otro Lado  
Alianza Sacramento  
Americans for Immigrant Justice  
Arkansas United

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California  
Asian Counseling and Referral Service  
Association of Mexicans in North Carolina, Inc. (AMEXCAN)  
AYUDA  
Bellevue Program for Survivors of Torture  
Border Workers United  
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, Inc.  
California WIC Association  
CATA - The Farmworker Support Committee  
Central American Resource Center of Northern CA - CARECEN SF  
Central Washington Justice For Our Neighbors  
Centreville Immigration Forum  
Centro de Trabajadores Agricolas Fronterizo  
Church Council of Greater Seattle  
Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador  
Church of the Ascension  
Church Women United in New York State  
Church World Services - Virginia  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia  
Cobb Immigrant Alliance  
Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy and Research Organization  
Congregation Action Network  
Connecticut Shoreline Indivisible  
Cornerstones  
Destiny Baptist Church  
Dominican Sisters of Houston  
Dream Project  
Edu-Futuro  
El Centro de la Raza  
Essex County Community Organization  
Faith in New Jersey  
Faith in New York  
Fellowship Southwest  
First Congregational Church of San Jose  
Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project  
Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC)  
Franciscans for Justice  
Friends United for Equity & Grassroots Organizing (FUEGO)  
Hamkae Center  
HANA Center  
Hispanic Liaison / El Vínculo Hispano  
Hispanic Organization of Leadership and Action  
Hope Border Institute  
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Immigrant & Refugee Justice (IRJ), a task force of the WNY Peace Center  
Immigrant Alliance for Justice and Equity  
Immigrant Allies of Marshalltown  
Immigrant ARC

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota  
Interfaith Welcome Coalition - San Antonio  
International Institute of New England  
Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice NW  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington  
Jewish Voice for Peace, Atlanta Chapter  
Just Neighbors Ministry  
Justice for Our Neighbors El Paso  
Justice for Our Neighbors Michigan  
Khmer Maine  
Korean American Association of Northern Virginia  
La Conexion  
La Monarca Foundation - Dallas Texas  
La Raza Community Resource Center  
Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice - Virginia  
Latino Pastoral Action Center, Inc.  
Legal Aid Justice Center  
Legal Services for Children  
Long Island Immigration Clinic, Sisters of St. Joseph  
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank  
Make the Road New York  
Make the Road Pennsylvania  
Mariposa Legal, a program of COMMON Foundation  
Miami Valley Immigration Coalition  
Michigan Immigrant Rights Center  
MinKwon Center for Community Action  
Motivation Motivates  
Multicultural Community Center  
Muslim Association of Puget Sound - American Muslim Empowerment Network  
Neighbor's Keeper  
New England Justice for Our Neighbors  
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice  
New Jersey Citizen Action  
New Virginia Majority Education Fund  
New York Annual Conference United Methodist Church Board of Church and Society  
New York Immigration Coalition  
New York Justice for Our Neighbors, Inc.  
North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT)  
North Carolina Justice Center  
Northwest Harvest  
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project  
Northwest Kenyan Community Association  
NW Ohio Immigrant Rights Network  
Oasis Legal Services  
OneAmerica  
Opening Doors International Services  
Our Revolution Essex County  
Pennsylvania Council of Churches  
Pennsylvania Immigration & Citizenship Coalition  
Progress Virginia  
Quetzal Enterprises

Reedley Social Services, Inc.  
Sacred Heart Catholic Community Center  
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium  
Santa Clara County Wage Theft Coalition  
SEIU 32BJ  
SEIU 512  
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)  
Shirlington Employment and Education Center  
Sin Barreras  
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation  
Sisters of Charity of New York  
Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York  
Social Justice Coalition Central Lutheran Church  
South Jersey Progressive Democrats  
TakeAction Minnesota  
Takoma Park Mobilization, Equal Justice  
Tenants and Workers United  
Tennessee Justice Center  
THE BUFFALO IMMIGRANT LEADERSHIP TEAM  
The Children's Partnership  
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis  
The Legal Aid Society (New York)  
The Sidewalk School  
Transformations CDC  
Unidad Latina en Acción NJ  
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 400  
Ventura County [CA] Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice  
Virginia Civic Engagement Table  
Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights  
Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations  
Virginia Immigration Intercollegiate Alliance  
Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy  
Virginia League of Planned Parenthood  
Virginia Organizing  
Wallingford Indivisible  
Washington Defender Association  
Wayne Action for Racial Equality  
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.  
Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration - WJCI  
William E. Morris Institute for Justice  
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center