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RE: The Administration's Immigration Crackdown Is Harming CA's Economy

Dear Members of the California Republican Congressional Delegation,

We, the undersigned members of the California Legislature, urge you to request the President to end the crackdowns on hardworking, taxpaying immigrants in Southern California and throughout the state, as the actions are causing significant harm to our economy.

Before the Administration launched the crackdowns, the President said he intended to target undocumented immigrants who had committed violent crimes or were members of violent gangs. But the recent raids on <u>businesses in Los Angeles</u> and <u>California farms</u> reveal that the crackdowns are ensnaring peaceful, hardworking immigrants who contribute substantially to California's economy.

According to the conservative-leaning American Enterprise Institute, California's economy, along with much of the nation, is largely dependent on foreign-born labor. Nationwide, about 1 in 5 jobs are filled by people born abroad, and in California, it's about 1 in 3.

Immigration has long been key to the growth of California's economy, particularly in industries such as homebuilding, construction, tech, leisure and hospitality, health care and agriculture.

According to <u>a new study</u>, federal policies focused on deportations could cost California an estimated \$275 billion in GDP output in wages and "other direct and indirect economic activity." The study also concluded that based on direct wage contributions alone, undocumented workers generate nearly 5% of California's GDP.

And according to recent estimates, undocumented immigrants alone contribute \$8.5 billion in taxes each year for California public services, many of which they cannot benefit from.

Currently, over 1 in 4 California residents are immigrants, totaling nearly 11 million people, including about 1.8 million who are undocumented. In addition, nearly three-quarters of undocumented Californians are estimated to have lived in this country for at least 10 years, and nearly a quarter are homeowners.

The vast majority of these folks contribute positively to California's economy and way of life. They are not violent criminal gang members.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the recent indiscriminate raids came about after the Trump Administration concluded that the number of deportations this year was not as high as they sought. So, Stephen Miller, the architect of the president's immigration agenda, told Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials to "just go out there and arrest illegal aliens" and not worry about targeting violent gang members. Miller directed ICE "to target Home Depot, where day laborers typically gather for hire, or 7-Eleven convenience stores."

We are heartened to see that <u>some members</u> of the House Republican Caucus have been speaking out about these tactics as <u>going too far</u>.

It is our hope that cooler heads will prevail and that as members of the California Republican Congressional Delegation you will urge the President to stop all immigration crackdowns that ensnare hardworking, taxpaying immigrants.

Ihank	you.

Sincerely,



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