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Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform

December 16, 2005

Dear Representative:

The undersigned organizations strongly urge you to vote against the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005, H.R. 4437, introduced by Representative James Sensenbrenner on December 6, 2005. H.R. 4437 is the latest and most egregious bill in a long line of enforcement-only immigration legislation that has not, and will not, fix our broken immigration system.

Instead of providing realistic and workable solutions, H.R. 4437 will criminalize millions of hard-working, tax-paying undocumented immigrants, driving them further underground; attack our fundamental constitutional values of due process and judicial review; and unfairly target U.S. citizens and legal immigrants.

We need a realistic and comprehensive approach to immigration reform that provides a path to earned citizenship; unifies families; provides a safe, legal and orderly avenue for migrant workers to enter the U.S.; ensures labor protections for all workers; and includes border policies that protect the nation's security and the human rights of all individuals.

Unfortunately, H.R. 4437 fails to address any of these important elements of comprehensive immigration reform.

For the foregoing reasons, we ask you to oppose the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005.

Sincerely,

Signatories:

"18 Mai" Committee, Inc.
ACLU of Southern California
ACORN
Acercamiento Hispano de Carolina del Sur
Adelante Juntos Coalition
Aisling Irish Community Center
Alianza de la Comunidad/Community Alliance

Alianza Comunitaria Latinoamericana (ACLA)
 Alianza Guatemalteca
 American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)
 American Association of Jews from the Former USSR
 American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
 American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
 American Jewish Committee
 Anti-Defamation League
 Arab American Community Coalition (AACC)
 Arab American Institute (AAI)
 Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)
 Arizona Coalition for Migrant Rights
 Arizona Interfaith Network
 East Valley Interfaith
 Northern Arizona Interfaith Council Sponsoring Committee
 Pima County Interfaith Project
 Valley Interfaith Project
 Yuma County Interfaith Sponsoring Committee
 Asian American Justice Center (AAJC)
 Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
 Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California
 Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs
 Association for the Study and Development of Community
 Asylum Program of Southern Arizona
 Berkshire Immigrant Center
 B'nai B'rith International
 Brelje and Associates PLC
 Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law
 CARECEN-DC
 CASA of Maryland, Inc.
 CATA - El Comité de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas (New Jersey)
 CAUSA
 CMS Family Learning Center
 Caribbean Research Center, Medgar Evers College (CUNY)
 Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Inc.
 Catholic Charities of Orlando, Inc.
 Catholic Healthcare West
 Center for Community Change (CCC)
 Center for Economic Progress
 Center for Mission, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
 Center for New Community
 Central American Research & Policy Institute, Cal. State Northridge
 Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)
 Central Florida Jobs with Justice
 Centro Campesino Inc.
 Centro Campesino Farmworker Center
 Centro de la Familia de Utah
 Centro Presente
 Chaya
 Chicano Federation of San Diego County
 Chinese Mutual Aid Association
 Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)
 Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers
 Coalition for Migrant Worker Justice, Inc.
 Coalition for New South Carolinians

Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families
Conexión Américas
Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition
Coordinadora de Lideres Comunitarios/ Coordinating Council of Community Leaders (Georgia)
Corona Senior Center
Council of Latino Agencies (CLA)
Council of Migration Services, Philadelphia
Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation
Diocese of Knoxville Hispanic Ministry Office
El Centro, Inc.
El Centro Coalition
El Centro de Hospitalidad
El Centro for the Study of Primary and Secondary Education
El Pueblo, Inc.
El Vínculo Hispano
Emerald Isle Immigration Center
Empire Justice Center
En Camino, Diocese of Toledo, Ohio
English for Action
Episcopal Migration Ministries, The Episcopal Church, USA
EyeOpeners
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)
Familia Unida Living with MS
Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC)
Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) - Indiana
Farmworker Justice Fund, Inc.
Farmworker Self Help, Dade City, Florida
Farmworkers Association of Florida
Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project
Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
Florida Immigrant Coalition at FIAC
Forum for African Immigrant Associations
Franciscan Sisters, Redwood City California
Friends of New Marylanders
Fundacion Salvadoreña de la Florida
Gamaliel Foundation, Civil Rights of Immigrants
General Commission on Religion and Race, The United Methodist Church
Guatemalan Unity Information Agency
HIAS & Council Migration Service of Philadelphia
Haitian American Youth of Tomorrow
Haitian Women of Miami
Hate Free Zone Washington
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) Chicago
Hispanic American Association
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota
Hispanic Coalition
Hispanic Ministries of Miami Presbytery
Hispanic National Bar Association
Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas
Hmong National Development
Idaho Community Action Network
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)

Immigrant Rights Network
 Immigrant Rights Network of Iowa and Nebraska
 Immigration Equality
 Immigration Pastoral Center, Inc.
 Indian People's Action
 Interfaith Alliance of Hawaii
 Interfaith Coalition for Equity and Justice
 Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (ICIR)
 Interfaith Worker Justice of East Tennessee
 International Institute of the East Bay
 International Institute of Rhode Island
 Irish American Unity Conference
 Irish Apostolate, USA
 Irish Immigration Center
 Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform
 ISAIAH (Gamaliel Foundation Affiliate)
 Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
 Jewish Community Action
 Jewish Council for Public Affairs
 Jewish Family and Children's Services, San Francisco
 Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT)
 Jewish Federation of Middlesex County (NJ)
 Jewish Labor Committee
 Jobs with Justice of East Tennessee
 Korean American Association of Greater New York
 Korean American Resource & Cultural Center
 Korean American Senior Center
 Korean Resource Center
 Kurdish Human Rights Watch, Inc.
 La Comunidad, Inc.
 La Voz Libre
 Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
 Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)
 Lahore Foundation Inc.
 Land Stewardship Project
 Latin American Coalition, Inc.
 Latin American Integration Center
 The Latin American Workers Project, Inc. (LAWP)
 Latino Family Services
 Latino Leadership, Inc.
 Latinos Unidos de Alabama (LUDA)
 Latinos Unidos Siempre Youth Org.
 Latinos United for Change and Advancement, Inc. (LUChA)
 Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR)
 League of Rural Voters
 Legal Aid Society of the Orange County (FL) Bar Association
 Los Angeles Leadership Academy Middle School
 Love Sees No Borders
 Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)
 Luz Social Services, Inc.
 MAFO
 Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)
 Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
 Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office
 Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)
 Mi Familia Vota en Accion

Migrant Legal Action Program
 Migrant and Refugee Cultural Support, Inc.
 Montana People's Action
 MOSES (Gamaliel Foundation Affiliate)
 Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan - San Antonio, TX (MEChA)
 Na Loio Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center
 Nashville Kurdish Forum
 Nashville Peace and Justice Center
 National Alliance of Latin American & Caribbean Communities (NALACC)
 National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
 National Association of Puerto Rican-Hispanic Social Workers, Inc.
 National Capitol Immigrant Coalition (NCIC)
 National Council of Jewish Women
 National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
 National Employment Law Project (NELP)
 National Farmworker Alliance
 National Immigrant Solidarity Network
 National Immigration Forum
 National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
 National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
 National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
 National Lawyers Guild
 National Lawyers Guild, Massachusetts Chapter
 National Ministries, American Baptist Churches, USA
 National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women
 Nebraska Appleseed
 NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
 Network of Texas IAF Organizations
 New Democratic Network, Hispanic Project
 New Immigrant Community Empowerment (NICE)
 New Jersey Immigration Policy Network (NJIPN)
 New York Association for New Americans, Inc.
 New York Civic Participation Project (NYCPP) & La Fuente, Inc.
 New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC)
 Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition
 Northwest Federation of Community Organizations
 Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
 OCA (Organization of Chinese Americans)
 ONE Lowell
 Office of Hispanic Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Belleville, IL
 Office for Justice and Service, Archdiocese of Washington
 Olneyville Neighborhood Association
 Pacific Northwest GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association)
 Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)
 Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC)
 People for the American Way (PFAW)
 Pittsburg Area Community Outreach
 Polish American Association
 Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project
 Project Hospitality
 Race Relations Center of East Tennessee, Inc.
 Rainbow Center
 Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM EAP), Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office
 The Resurrection Project
 Assumption Church
 Epiphany

Providence of God
 Good Shepherd
 Our Lady of Tepyac
 St. Adalbert
 St. Agnes
 St. Ann
 St. Francis of Assisi
 St. Paul
 St. Pius
 St. Procopius
 St. Roman
 Rick Swartz & Associates
 Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural
 Seattle Irish Immigration Support
 Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
 SEIU Local 82
 SEIU Local 105
 Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Justice Team
 South Asian Bar Association of Washington
 St. Julie Asian Center
 Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)
 Sweatshop Watch
 Tahirih Justice Center
 Tekiah: A Jewish Call to Action
 Tempe Hispanic Forum
 Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC)
 Texas Civil Rights Project
 Texas Youth Word Collective
 UJA—Jewish Federation of New York
 UMOs
 UNITE HERE!
 UNITE HERE! Local 11
 US Action
 U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
 UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence
 Union for Reform Judaism
 Unite for Dignity
 United Community Centers
 United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW)
 United Methodist Mexican-American Ministries, Inc.
 United Neighborhood Houses of New York
 Washington Citizen Action
 We Count!
 Westside CAN Center
 William C. Velasquez Institute
 Women Alliance of Miami-Dade & Broward, Inc.
 Won Kwang Korean School
 The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring
 Workplace Project
 World Relief
 YKASEC - Empowering the Korean American Community
 YWCA of Queens
 Young Koreans United of New York
 Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley

