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On Behalf Of:

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As former Executive Director of Bienestar, a nonprofit in Washington county providing affordable housing and services for farmworkers and working poor latinx families, I know firsthand how critically needed these funds are for these families. Working poor immigrant families are earning wages well below the poverty level, and simply cannot afford legal fees. Instead, they go without representation and suffer the consequences of deportation, loss of DACA status, and family separations. Now, more than ever, this is a humanitarian crisis in our country. Please, please respond by passing this bill.

We need to open our hearts in this time of hate. Sincerely, Karen Shawcross