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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

*We urge you to take immediate action to dismantle current oppressive policies and set the stage for Complete Inclusive Immigration Reform (CIIR) for the estimated **11 million undocumented immigrants** living in this country. We, as partners in equity and justice are requesting a meeting before the end of September to discuss this urgent action.*

**Gamaliel**, as the national organizing network that once trained Barack Obama, upholds that our mission is to empower everyday people to participate in the political, environmental, social, and economic decisions that affect their lives, Americans, and immigrants alike. **Our Civil Rights of Immigrants campaign (CRI)** is committed to working for equal opportunity and fair treatment of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.

**The Utility Workers Union of America** is an organization of men and women of every race, religion, age, and ethnicity, who are committed to a society where all workers and their families live and work with dignity; where there is an economic and political mandate for a more equitable distribution of the nation's wealth for all those performing useful service to society; where workers have a collective voice and power at the workplace; where economic well-being is achieved for our members and all workers; and where work is satisfying and fairly rewarded.

We are also requesting meetings with the United States Senate and House Committee Judiciary Chairs, along with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Majorkas, to follow-up on your campaign promises. We would appreciate your support in securing these meetings.

Historically, undocumented immigrants in the United States have been disproportionately affected in many aspects of their everyday lives. *Right now*, they are increasingly vulnerable to the disparities in access to COVID-19 relief, and the ongoing effects that still threaten their lives.

Undocumented immigrants have always been essential to the U.S. economy. They are part of the fabric of what makes this country exceedingly prosperous. At present, simply undoing Trump-era policies is *not enough*. The United States must set a new precedent that acknowledges the crucial role of immigrants and work toward a real pathway to citizenship.

Our **Civil Rights of Immigrants Campaign** outlines this urgent list of demands of the Biden Administration:

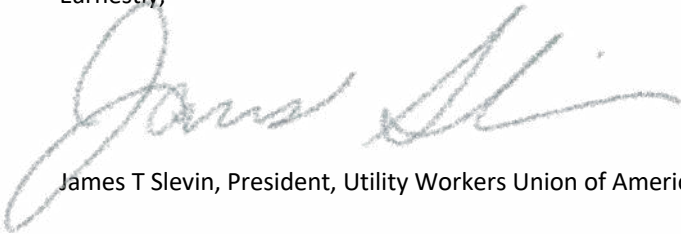
1. Moratorium on all deportations.
2. Free all detained immigrants who have no history of violence and/or who are at high risk from COVID-19.
3. Expand COVID-19 relief to include all undocumented immigrants.
4. Provide ALL undocumented essential workers protective status and work permits.
5. Expand and create permanent protections for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.
6. Create a pathway to citizenship.

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7. Reverse all racist immigration policies.
  - a. Remove the Public Charge Rule.
  - b. Remove practice of family separation at the border.
  - c. Restore family reunification as a priority in evaluating family petitions.
  - d. Reinstate Temporary Protection Status (TPS).
  - e. Remove the "Remain in Mexico" policy for asylum seekers.
  - f. Restore the lower rates of application costs (Citizenship, LPR).
8. End the funding of private prisons that incarcerate undocumented immigrants. Close all detention centers.
9. End militarized funding of immigration enforcement.
  - a. Hold ICE CBP/ agents accountable for abuses of power and include a quarterly accountability report.
  - b. Abolish ICE from local law enforcement.
10. Address root causes of migration through financial inclusion and empowerment of remittances.
  - a. Mobilize low cost remittance for savings bonds for development.
  - b. Invest in Sustainable employment in high migration sending communities.
  - c. Focus on development to address climate change roots of migration.

We need your Administration to do more than just react to bad immigration policies. *We need ethical and adequate policies* implemented that create real opportunities for immigrants in America. Your leadership is essential to changing unjust laws and instituting a *new way forward*.

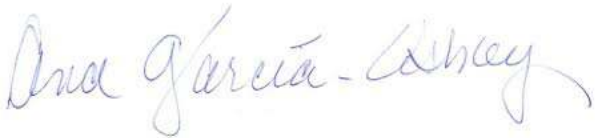
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