

## **A letter to the editor prepared by The Hunger Coalition & The Alliance of Idaho**

We are standing up for fundamental American principles of fairness and justice in support of our immigrant and refugee friends, neighbors, and co-workers. The United States is a nation of immigrants, both voluntary and involuntary, and recognizing this fact, we stand with those who are targets of racial discrimination in our country.

Many of our Latinx friends and neighbors across the country are terrified — regardless of documentation status. We stand and work together to help build safe, just, and welcoming communities for all. We celebrate what the Latinx community brings to this country, and we support those working to protect the basic human rights of immigrants by engaging in education, outreach, and advocacy at local, state, and national levels.

Latinx families – like all families – want the best possible future for their children. They hold values deeply rooted in culture, faith, education, courage, and hard work. Many local businesses, classrooms, youth programs, as well as an extraordinary workforce, are led by our Latinx neighbors, and they are crucial to what makes our beautiful community thrive.

To the impacted community in this valley and around the country, the undersigned organizations and individuals say: If you are afraid for your safety, if you worry that your parent or child may be taken away from you, please know we will support you in any way we can. We stand in solidarity with you with the recognition that your participation in this community makes us all better.

If you are interested in adding your name to this letter, please email [info@thehungercoalition.org](mailto:info@thehungercoalition.org). Your name will be added to our website. If you would like to know what you can do to help support impacted communities, please email [immigrationallianceofidaho@gmail.com](mailto:immigrationallianceofidaho@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Organizations Signing onto this Letter:**

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Flourish Foundation  
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Girls on the Run of Southern Idaho  
Indivisible Blaine County  
Nosotros United  
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The Advocates  
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The Hunger Coalition  
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## **Una carta al editor preparado por El Hunger Coalition y el Alliance of Idaho**

Estamos defendiendo los principios estadounidenses fundamentales de equidad y justicia en apoyo de nuestros amigos, vecinos y compañeros de trabajo inmigrantes y refugiados. Los estados unidos es una nación de inmigrantes, tanto voluntarios como involuntarios, y reconociendo este hecho, apoyamos a quienes son objeto de discriminación racial en nuestro país.

Muchos de nuestros amigos y vecinos Latinx por todo el país están aterrorizados, independientemente del estado de la documentación . Nos paramos y trabajamos juntos para construir comunidades justas, bienvenidas y seguras para todos. Celebramos lo que la comunidad Latinx aporta a este país y apoyamos a quienes trabajan para proteger los derechos humanos básicos de los inmigrantes a medios de la educación, el trabajo comunitario y la abogacía a los niveles locales, estatales y nacionales.

Las familias Latinxs, como todas las familias, quieren el mejor futuro posible para sus hijos. Tienen valores profundamente arraigados en la cultura, la fe, la educación, la valentía, y el trabajo duro. Muchos de nuestros negocios, salones de clase, programas juveniles, tanto como una fuerza laboral extraordinaria están dirigidos por nuestros vecinos Latinx y son cruciales para lo que hace prosperar a nuestra comunidad hermosa.

Para la comunidad afectada en esta valle y en todo el país, las organizaciones y los individuos que suscriben les dicen: si temen por su seguridad, si se preocupan que les puedan quitar a sus hijos o padres, sepan que los apoyamos en todo lo que se pueda. Nos pondremos de pie y hablaremos en contra del odio y la intolerancia que se está extendiendo por esta gran nación. Nos solidarizamos con ustedes con el reconocimiento de que su participación es esta comunidad nos hace mejores.

Si desea saber qué puede hacer para ayudar a las comunidades afectadas, envíe un correo electrónico a [immigrationallianceofidaho@gmail.com](mailto:immigrationallianceofidaho@gmail.com). Gracias.

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