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APALA Denounces Trump Administration's Immigration Principles

Washington, D.C. - The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) is disgusted and outraged by the Trump administration's cruel, inhumane, anti-worker and racist immigration principles, which were released last Sunday night. In response, APALA National President Monica Thammarath issued the following statement:

"The Trump administration's immigration principles is a White Supremacist's wish list and should not be taken lightly. This list includes building a border wall, hiring 10,000 additional enforcement and detention agents, heightening criminalization of those with overstayed visas or seeking asylum, expanding the E-verify program, deporting unaccompanied minors seeking refuge, and ending extended family sponsorship programs. Even while a bipartisan solution exists in Congress to protect Undocumented immigrant youth, the White Supremacists of the White House think they can exploit young people as bargaining chips to expand the U.S. police state and further criminalize and deport immigrants and refugees.

As Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) working people, we will not be used as a wedge group nor will we remain silent or idle as this administration continues to harm our communities. We will continue to resist, organize and fight until a clean DREAM act is passed."

Since the cancellation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program on September 5, APALA chapter members and our union partners have been driving calls, meeting with members of Congress, and standing on the front lines of grassroots mobilization to push for the passage of a clean DREAM Act. We must all continue to push members of Congress, regardless of party affiliation, to protect Undocumented immigrant youth without placing other immigrant communities at risk.

The time for action is now! You can call your members of Congress using APALA's call line: 844-551-6921.

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