

## Statement of Solidarity: WA Immigrant Solidarity Network

We, the undersigned organizations and community members, commit to resist President Trump's recent executive orders on immigration and refugee resettlement. We will support elected leaders, Republicans and Democrats and others, who stand up for immigrant and refugee communities, and we will advocate to prevent the implementation of these orders.

We believe that America is made stronger by the diverse communities that call our nation home. We recognize the economic and cultural contributions of immigrants and refugees. We cherish and will defend fundamental Constitutional rights, like due process and religious freedom that are foundational to our democracy. As Americans, we embrace our heritage as a nation built on immigration and our nation's historical humanitarian commitment to being a refuge for children and families seeking safety from war, violence and persecution. We affirm a higher spiritual law that the civil rights and human dignity of all people must be honored. We stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees and indigenous and marginalized people, our neighbors, friends and family members.

Taken together, the President's executive actions amount to a profound shift in our nation's immigration and refugee resettlement policies. These actions criminalize entire communities based on their immigration status, their religion and their nation of origin and would invite widespread racially discriminatory profiling by immigration authorities. They create massive deportation forces inside our country and at our borders and threaten to undermine due process protections and to tear apart countless families. They would attempt to compel local governments to become federal immigration enforcers, and damage trust between our first responders and the communities they serve and protect. They would undermine and further politicize our American tradition of refugee resettlement, jeopardizing our international credibility at a terrible cost to families and children fleeing danger and to the families that call America home. They embolden hate against members of our community, including generations of U.S. citizens, already feeling vulnerable following the rhetoric of the presidential campaign.

We stand together as Americans, united to fight – in the courts, at every level of government, and in our communities – for a vision of America grounded in justice, equity and love. We will not go backwards; we will not be turned aside; we will not allow ourselves to be divided.

### Initial Organizations that have signed on:

21 Progress

United Autoworker 4121

Casa Latina

Washington Dream Coalition

Church Council of Greater Seattle

Colectiva Legal del Pueblo

Council on American-Islamic Relations of Washington

International Rescue Committee

Jewish Family Service

MAPS-AMEN (American Muslim Empowerment Network)

Martin Luther King Jr. County Labor Council

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

One America