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To: Senator Dianne Feinstein
From: Indivisible East Bay
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Subject: Resisting the Trump Agenda (Immigration)

Enforcement: We thank Sen. Feinstein for the letter demanding that the Senate reject Trump's deportation force budget request.

Questions:

- Will she support S.2832 The Department of Homeland Security Accountability and Transparency Act[1], a bill to require the collection of data by officers enforcing United States laws and regulations, including at border security stops within United States borders, and for other purposes?
- Are there any updates on any of the ongoing investigations of ICE abuses?
- Does the senator support Sen. Harris's S.2849 - A bill to prohibit the expansion of immigration detention facilities, to improve the oversight of such facilities, and for other purposes [2]
- Would the senator support decreasing ICE & CBP budget authority for officer headcount and reducing immigration detention bed quotas?

Asylum-seeking Families: We think the policy of separating children from their parents at the border is one of the worst things this administration has done and we thank Sen. Feinstein for her planned legislation. We also think (and based on some of her statements, believe the senator agrees) that this zero-tolerance policy violates the rights of asylum seekers under existing law.

Questions:

- What will the legislation cover?
- How does she plan to pass it? And ensure that agencies enforce it?
- How can we help?
- What can we do short of passing new legislation?

Department of Homeland Security Reauthorization: There are many things we believe will be harmful in the bill that passed the House, and while it does include some provisions that we like, we are concerned that the bill that was reported out of committee in the Senate may not deserve the bipartisan support it seems to be getting.

Questions:

- Why are Democrats going along with authorizing ICE for the first time[3], when the agency is clearly terrible and not responsive to Congressional oversight?
- Why aren't they using this as an opportunity to push for reform?

DACA: We are very cautiously somewhat optimistic about the House's plan to vote on immigration bills. We hope they will end up passing a clean DREAM Act.

Questions:

- If the House passes a good DACA bill, what is her plan to ensure a vote in the Senate?
- We heard that some version of the DACA legislation might also include a solution for immigrants with TPS. Would that be based on Sen. Feinstein's bill? How can we help push for protections for this population as well?

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