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This week, President Trump and Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials announced they will be targeting families for deportation beginning this Sunday in ten major cities, including Denver. Hours after defending this position, the President tweeted there will be a delay. This imminent large-scale operation will tear even more families apart with mass arrests and deportations and result in more human suffering. These "delay" tactics only serve to incite fear and further exacerbate this suffering.

We already know of the inhumane conditions immigrants are placed in, including children, where they are denied legal representation, basic sanitary supplies, medical care, and sleep.

We also know that ICE has explicitly pointed to Aurora's own ICE detention center, run by GEO Group, for failing to provide adequate medical care and for violating ICE's own standards.

Given what we know, we have every reason to believe that this recent announcement will result in prolonged human suffering, family separation, and the denial of human dignity.

We, the undersigned Aurora City Councilmembers, believe that remaining silent on this issue is an act of complicity and are committed to speaking up. We condemn the administration's targeting of families, and the inhumane conditions within the GEO Group facility right here in Aurora.

Below are some resources for our immigrant neighbors:

[Colorado Rapid Response Network \(1-844-864-8341\)](#)

- 24/7 statewide hotline to report immigration enforcement activity
- [Colorado Rapid Response Network - Immigration Facebook Page](#)

[Know Your Rights Information](#)

- Immigrant Legal Resource Center: Know your rights and what immigrant families should do now ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [Mandarin](#))
- United We Dream: What to do if ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) comes to your door ([Spanish](#), [English](#), [Mandarin](#), [Arabic](#), [Korean](#), [Portugese](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Hindi](#), [Farsi](#), and [other languages](#))
- AFSC Know Your Rights Booklet ([Spanish](#)) ([English](#))
- Family Emergency Preparedness Checklist from Colorado People's Alliance ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

In solidarity,

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