

## 3 things you can do to stand with the migrant caravan today

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### **DEFENDING IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**

### **ENDING DISCRIMINATION**

Since mid-October, [a caravan of migrants](#) has been traveling north from Honduras. The group includes people of all ages, including families and children – many of whom are escaping violence and poverty and seeking asylum in the U.S. and Mexico.

But instead of responding with compassion and humanity, President Trump is portraying migrants as a security threat. And he's using the caravan to stir up xenophobia and advance his anti-immigrant agenda, from detaining families to further militarizing our border.

Don't let Trump exploit the migrant caravan to fuel hate and fear! You can take a stand against his xenophobic rhetoric by calling on our elected officials to protect the rights and dignity of all immigrants.

**Here are three ways you can take action today:**

#### **[1. Tell Congress to Defund Hate at the border.](#)**

Trump is using the caravan to support his efforts to further militarize our southern border. But we know that walls and other border enforcement have had a deadly impact on our communities, including thousands of migrant deaths and

rampant abuse of community members by Border Patrol agents. Tell Congress to stop funding cruelty against immigrants today!

## [2. Speak out against family detention.](#)

The Trump administration is working on a plan to detain immigrant families indefinitely. Its proposal would supersede a decades-old agreement that limits how long children can be detained – and create a system of indefinite family detention. Tell the government: Immigrant families belong together and not in jail!

## [3. Spread messages that show support for migrants.](#)

We need to speak out against hateful, anti-immigrant language and policies at every chance we get. And it's important that we ask our family, friends, and communities to do the same. Use our messaging tips on how to talk about the migrant caravan, and share them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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