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TO:

Speaker of the House, Representative Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader, Representative Kevin McCarthy
Senate Majority Leader, Senator Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader, Senator Charles Schumer

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, express our concern and disagreement with proposed increases in funding for Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and for new border barrier construction. We also disagree with what will amount to be an increase, not a decrease, in the detention of immigrants.

These increases will cause more harm to immigrants, asylum seekers, immigrant communities and families, and the environment. This funding and accompanying practices will not alleviate the driving factors for migrants and asylum seekers, nor provide avenues for immigrants working and living in the U.S. to adjust their status and continue to live productive lives.

We urge you to reduce the enforcement and detention budgets for ICE and CBP, reject the funding of border barrier construction, and disallow the transfer of funds from other accounts to expand these budgets.

Sincerely,

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Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
Cambridge United for Justice with Peace
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