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Rep. Mike Levin
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Re: Opposition to the Senate Border Deal

To members of the Orange County Democratic congressional delegation:

As organizations serving and working with Orange County's immigrant and refugee communities, we urge you each, independently of your respective caucuses, to join your colleagues in both the House and the Senate – including Sen. Alex Padilla and Orange County's own Rep. Linda Sánchez – in vocally opposing the brazenly racist Senate immigration supplemental agreement and its horrific provisions. This "deal" trades the freedom, dignity, and lives of immigrants and refugees for an unrelated spending package, using immigrant and refugee lives to bargain for more funding for overseas wars. One-time spending should not be contingent on continuously terrorizing millions of immigrants and refugees, including our own neighbors and family members here in Orange County.

All three of you won election or re-election on promises to be fierce fighters against Trump-era policies. To truly live up to these promises, you must publicly oppose this bill and any further attempts to advance its appalling provisions: astronomical appropriations for expanded immigrant detention and surveillance, increased family separation, and the complete evisceration of the basic human right to asylum. These provisions put not only asylum seekers at risk, but also threaten the safety of immigrants and refugees who have long made the United States their home.

Regardless of whether the current bill passes the Senate, all of Orange County's Democratic representatives must remain steadfast in their commitment to the county's immigrant and refugee communities. This means joining your colleagues in publicly opposing the heinous provisions of the Senate border bill in whatever form they might take in the coming weeks, months, and years.

Sincerely,

Harbor Institute for Immigrant & Economic Justice
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Orange County Justice Fund

El Centro Cultural de México
Tenayuca Labor Project