

HOW DOES ENDING CRIMINALIZATION HELP STOP DEPORTATIONS?

Three principles for advocates and organizers & actions to support across the country

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THE DEPORTATION SYSTEM IS A PIPELINE AND POLICING IS THE GATEWAY

Many of our people who end up deported have had some interaction with law enforcement. Data and surveillance from local police, arrests, and convictions are a deportation dragnet, for documented and undocumented folks. Protecting immigrants means ending the way people are targeted and funneled toward deportation: through criminalization. Black people and brown people are impacted the most by criminalizing practices AND by deportations. It's not a coincidence. We need a HOLISTIC approach.

DONATE TO THE ETOWAH FREEDOM FUND

SUPPORT BAIL & BOND & CONTRIBUTE TO COMMISSARY SO PEOPLE CAN BUY PHONE CALLS, HAND SANITIZER & SUPPLIES

SIGN THE PETITION

DEMAND THAT GOVERNOR CUOMO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM CORONAVIRUS IN PRISONS, JAILS, *AND* DETENTION CENTERS & STOP INCREASED PUNISHMENT AS A PANDEMIC RESPONSE

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IMMIGRANTS ARE CARTED FROM THE SHERIFF OR WARDEN, INTO ICE'S HANDS

In many places, people who are released from prisons and jails are directly transferred to ICE detention centers. That's why it is important to demand that local officials decarcerate jails and prisons, and also demand that they stop coordinating with ICE on how to move someone from cage to cage. People who do end up fully released also need resources, protective equipment, and a place to safely quarantine without fear of being rearrested or stigmatized because they just got out. Link up with groups providing mutual aid and rapid response to get folks the support they need.

CALL ON SAN MATEO CTY SHERIFF BOLANOS
TO #STOPCOVIDIN\$MCJAILS AND #STOPICE\$TRANSFERS



3 FREE THEM ALL, AND WE MEAN ALL

The criminal and immigration systems have not been supporting anyone, including people who need deeper transformative and restorative justice. Now is the time to dig deeper, dream bigger, and fight for everyone's common humanity regardless of what they've done in the past. The harms and violence of the immigration system, which deprives tens of thousands of liberty each day, are systematic and inherent. The roots are rotten. Dismantling this fundamentally unjust system doesn't mean leaving it intact for some of us.

CALL DODGE AND
MCHENRY COUNTY
SHERIFFS

TELL THEM TO END
CONTRACTS WITH ICE AND TO
PUSH FOR PEOPLE'S RELEASE

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CALLING FOR A HALT TO THE
MACHINERY OF PROSECUTION AND
INCARCERATION IN TEXAS -- FOR
ALL, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RECORD

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