

[SAMPLE LETTER TO CONGRESS, STATE/LOCAL/COUNTY DISTRICT OFFICIAL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT, MAYOR, GOVERNOR]

[DATE]

[ADDRESS]

DEAR [OFFICIAL NAME],

As your constituent and community member, I wish to express my support for protecting all undocumented immigrants, refugees, and DREAMERs. All undocumented immigrants and refugees are part of our community. Neither nationality nor citizenship define a community, and it should not be used to divide us.

I fear the impact of coercive efforts to force our [city/state/county/police department] to target our own community members or lose federal funding. This will only deny services and programs like Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Title I education grants, and Medical Assistance programs that seek to increase the quality of life for all. It will largely hurt children, veterans, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, and the poor and homeless, who depend upon these programs and services.

Local law enforcement should not subject our community to criminalization tactics like *broken window policing*, which sacrifices the same community that it's obligated to protect. People should not be punished for trying to provide a better life for their family and raise their children in a safe environment.

[ADD PERSONAL EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR SANCTUARY CITIES]

I request a meeting to discuss how we can move forward together as a community and continue to support and protect immigrants, Arabs, Muslims and refugees.

SINCERELY,

[SIGNATURE]