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Chicago Joins 40+ Cities in National Day of Action for Deportation Relief from President Obama
As Obama Administration Nears Two Million Deportations, Groups Across Country Say “Not One More,” Urge
White House Action

WHAT: As part of the national #Not1more deportation campaign, Chicago immigrants and supporters will march from the Chicago ICE Field Office to the Broadview Detention Center. At the detention center marchers will hold a rally to stop a bus from carrying detainees to the airport to be deported.

SCHEDULE OF MEDIA EVENTS:

Monday 4/7/14

10:00 AM-Press Conference at ICE Chicago Field Office, 101 W. Congress, Chicago

1:00 PM-Blessing of the Walkers at St. Pius Church at 1919 S. Ashland, Chicago

6:00 PM-Prayer Vigil at Iglesia Unida de Berwyn UCC, 1241 Oak Park Ave., Berwyn

Tuesday 4/8/14

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM-Shut Down Ice at Broadview Detention Center, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL

WHO: Families affected by deportations, Latino Policy Forum, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities and Undocumented Illinois.

WHY: By mid-April, President Obama will have carried out two million deportations, more than any other president. Families can't wait for relief and that the President doesn't have to wait for Congress to use his executive authority to stop the suffering. He could expand the deferred action program he created for immigrant youth and suspend deportations immediately. Communities across the country are organizing events under the slogan “Two Million, Too Many” to demand that the president stop deportations.

Individuals and families who have been affected by deportations will lead the march in Chicago. Anibal Fuentes Aguilar, the father of a 7-month-old citizen son, was detained by ICE in December and placed in

deportation proceedings. After months of community organizing, he forced ICE to grant him a six month stay of removal, but remains concerned about what will happen when his stay of removal expires. He is marching to demand that President Obama close his deportation case and stop all deportations.

“Every time I look at my son I wonder how much longer I will have to see him. Can President Obama imagine how that feels? The President has the power to close my deportation case and keep me with my son. He has the power to keep families together and he needs to use it”

Individuals affected by deportations will also help stop the buses carrying detainees to the airport. María Paz whose husband Brigido Acosta Luis was deported in November says she will do whatever she can to keep other families from being torn apart.

“No family should have to experience the pain and fear we have experienced since my husband was detained and deported. We are tired of President Obama’s excuses. If he won’t stop deportations, we will stop them ourselves”

More information on activities across the nation can be found at: <http://bit.ly/april5n1m> and by following #not1more and #2million2many

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