

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
The Honorable Jim Jordan
The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
The Honorable Rob Portman
The Honorable Tim Ryan

June 8, 2018 – sent via facsimile and US Mail

Dear Senators and Representatives,

We write with an urgent request that you take immediate action to prevent the expedited deportation of dozens of immigrants, which could occur within days.

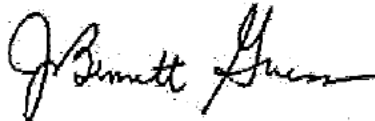
On June 5, 2018, Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted a raid at Corso Flower and Garden Center in Sandusky and Castalia, Ohio where they forcibly detained 114 workers. Over 200 heavily armed officers conducted the raid, traumatizing an entire community and instilling panic across northern Ohio.

ICE removed the people they arrested to two prisons, the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center in Youngstown, and a facility in Battle Creek, Michigan. There is grave risk that these individuals will be deported out of the United States without adequate due process or access to counsel. This would have devastating and long lasting effects on our communities—leaving families separated, children without parents, and neighborhoods living in constant fear.

On behalf of our 85,000 members and supporters statewide, we urge you to take immediate action to ensure that no one is deported without full due process in immigration court, including access to an attorney. Please contact ICE immediately to stop expedited deportations and ensure that this tragedy does not irreparably tear families apart at the hands of a fundamentally broken immigration system.

The federal government's actions on June 5, 2018 stain the character of our nation and of Ohio. But there is still an opportunity to alleviate the tremendous suffering this has created. Please do not delay in action, and feel free to contact us directly should you have any additional questions at (216)472-2220.

Respectfully,



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