

Statement by Flor Crisóstomo

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Good morning my name is Flor Crisóstomo and I represent the 26 workers of IFCO Systems that were taken out of our workplace, detained and placed in deportation proceedings Wednesday 19 of April. So you can understand my many reasons and motivation to join the cause that Ms. Elvira Arellano President of Familia Latina Unida has taken on.

I join the fight against injustice and along with my co-workers openly declare our opposition to the raids and the continuation of exercising absurd laws that only separate families and crush dreams that every human being regardless of origin, race, color, or sex have the given right to.

We oppose those persons that by way of the peoples vote have benefited and have turned their backs on us.

It's very frustrating for us to even think that a lawmaker or representative of the people when they come from immigrant roots could create and apply anti-immigrant laws.

For these reasons I call on our community, families, and associations that protect the rights of the immigrants to unite now more than ever to win an immigration law that is just and can benefit the families as well as the workers and employers.

I make the call first and foremost as a mother, and as a worker, as a contributor to the economy of this country, and as a human being because god created a just and free world and it is man who has put himself in charge to impose borders to divide the races.