

GET READY TO FIGHT BACK!

Right now, Congress is moving forward with a giant funding bill that will direct **over \$150 billion taxpayer dollars** to further expand the reach of President Trump's mass deportation, mass detention, and border militarization plans. The Trump Administration wants to fund these policies that disrupt families, communities, and our local and national economy by cutting lifesaving federal programs like Medicaid, food assistance, and student loans.

Let that amount of money sink in.

Critical federal programs will be cut to supercharge the mass deportation machine and continue crackdowns on immigrants and people seeking safety– including family separation, family detention, ICE enforcement at schools, places of worship, and hospitals.

In order to fund Trump's mass deportations, this bill would result in 11 million people being at risk of losing food assistance while 14 million would be at risk of losing their health insurance. Experts have said that the cuts to healthcare and poverty programs would inflict harm with a "serious and generational scope," including shrinking lifespans and worsening educational and career outcomes for young people. Now is the time to **get informed**, **spread awareness, and be prepared to lobby your two Senators** - Contact your AIUSA State Legislative Coordinator, *read our lobbying tips* & *read more about AIUSA's Human Rights Solutions for the Border.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

On May 22nd, the House of Representatives passed Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill" that will fuel suffering and give enormous tax breaks to the wealthy. . The reconciliation process allows Congress to pass large spending bills that require only a majority vote in the Senate. Now, the Senate is moving quickly to make this bill law.

Members of Congress should use their power of the purse to vote NO on this absurd and cruel reconciliation package. Cutting critical social programs while giving tax breaks to millionaires to fund attacks against immigrants and working people makes no sense. Instead, our tax dollars should be used to keep families together and give our communities the resources they need to thrive.



Communities across the country are already struggling to make ends meet, and in response, their leaders are investing billions of their hard-earned tax dollars on expensive and cruel mass deportation and deterrence efforts rather than policies and programs that will help all our communities thrive.

Amnesty International USA strongly opposes any funding package that funds increased detention and mass deportation, border walls or barriers, or fuels the harmful and xenophobic policies proposed by President Trump.

A human-rights-centered approach is not only possible - it is the only sustainable solution to the broken immigration system.

We need you **ALL** to step into your activist role and prevent the Senate from making this bill law! Take action by calling, texting, emailing, and joining AIUSA in powerful, community-led events and bold stunts.

Together, we'll amplify our message—loud, clear, and impossible to ignore: Mass detention and mass deportation undermine people's dignity, separate families, and hurt communities. We demand that Members of Congress VOTE NO to reject this harmful budget and invest in our communities instead.

This reconciliation bill is a direct attack on our human rights and communities. We need to mobilize before it's too late.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- **Call** your Senators' local and DC offices (you can be connected to the Congressional switchboard from this AIUSA number that includes a script (646) 248-6236 and look up their local office numbers at <u>www.congress.gov</u>)). You can also use the draft script below. *(If you only have time to take one action, make it this one!)*
- Schedule a lobby visit with their local or DC office, or schedule a "drop off" of the <u>leave-behind document</u>. Please let us know if you took action by filling out a debrief form at <u>amnestyusa.org/debrief</u>. Email <u>grassroots@aiusa.org</u> to let us know how your visit went or if you have questions.
- Click to sign an online petition to them



- **Post a reply** to their social media posts on Instagram, X, TikTok—or post your own video speaking to them
- Write an op-ed or letter to the editor in your local paper using this guide
- Organize a rally or stunt outside their local office
- Engage with them at a townhall
- Sign Up to Host a Power Hour: Organize a power hour to generate tons of calls to your Senators! A power hour is where you host a group of people, have laptops and phones available, and everyone makes a call using the provided script. We can send you a virtual gift card for snacks for all who make calls, materials (while supplies last) and provide additional support if needed!
- Brainstorm other creative ideas and let us know what you come up with!
- **Please let us know** which actions you take so that we can keep a tally and use the total number of actions in our advocacy at <u>www.amnestyusa.org/debrief</u>

"Hello, I live in ________ (state) and as a constituent I urge Senator ________ to vote NO on the Reconciliation Bill and stand against any funding for mass deportation, unlawful expulsions to El Salvador, the targeting of students just for speaking their conscience, and raids in our communities at the expense of crucial social programs that improve lives like Medicaid, food assistance, and health programs. [If requesting a meeting: I would like to set up a meeting to discuss this further, when is the soonest day and time available?] I will be closely monitoring how Senator ______ votes on this. Thank you."