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PA is READY! Supports #FamiliesFightBack

Hundreds of Immigrant Families, Allies, and Advocates will be Rallying and Demonstrating in New Orleans during July 10th Fifth Circuit Court Oral Arguments to Demand that the Courts #RestoreRelief

Philadelphia—PA is READY! joins immigrant families and advocates from around the country in calling on courts to lift the injunction keeping President Obama’s deportation relief programs on hold.

Last November, the Obama administration extended a reprieve to millions of immigrant families that would allow them to stay together and breathe easier without the constant threat of deportation.

On July 10 in New Orleans, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments to lift an injunction that put President Obama’s deportation relief programs on hold. Immigrant rights activists will be in the Big Easy to make our voices heard in front of the Court and fight back against this politically motivated lawsuit.

The law is on our side. Nearly 200 members of the House of Representative filed an amicus brief to support the president’s action, along with 73 cities and counties from 27 states (including Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Allentown and State College), and over 100 legal experts, representing 43 million people nationwide.

Beyond political fray, 77 percent of the American people support a path to citizenship or legal status. Their collective support lifts us up as we mobilize, agitate and use every tool in our arsenal to make sure anti-immigrant extremists know that we are watching them and that we will fight them every step of the way until we have our final victory in court.

We are in this fight for our families. Little boys and girls who anxiously wait at the door each night to make sure their moms and dads are coming home. Parents who worry about hearing a knock on the door in the middle of the night, detained for days, months, years on end and ultimately separated from their families. Young people who can’t focus on going to college, getting a good job or pursuing their dreams because they’re too afraid that immigration officials will take them away.

For more information about the economic benefits of the programs for Pennsylvania, please visit Center for American Progress at: <http://ampr.gs/1GHOPUK>

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PA is READY! is a diverse coalition of organizations across Pennsylvania working to ensure that Pennsylvania immigrants get the information and assistance they need to apply for administrative relief. PA is READY! is coordinated by the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition and includes: AFRICOM (Philadelphia), Aquinas Center (Philadelphia), Casa de la Cultura (Gettysburg), Casa San Jose (Pittsburgh), Ceiba, Community Justice Project (Reading), Church World Service (Lancaster), Esperanza Immigration Legal Services (Philadelphia), Friends of Farmworkers, Grupo de Apoyo e Integración Hispanoamericano (Allentown), HIAS Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), JUNTOS (Philadelphia), Lucha Pro Licencias, Nationalities Service Center (Philadelphia), New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (York), Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians (Philadelphia)