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Resolution to Defend Immigrants Against Mass Deportations and Racist Violence

Whereas Trump's planned immigration raids have stoked racist, anti-immigrant violence, and

Whereas this goes together with his praise of billionaire Elon Musk's strike-breaking, his stoking of divide-and-conquer bigotry and encouragement of violent far-right groups, and

Whereas, immigrant workers are a central part of labor, vital to our labor organizations, and their rights are inseparable from those of the rest of the working class, and Whereas, a union is a self-defense organization for the working class as a whole, and Whereas, attacks either from the government or from groups of violent racist groups pose a danger to workers everywhere, and

Whereas, we cannot look to the government, the courts, politicians of either big-business party, or the police to protect immigrants from bigoted attacks, and Whereas, it is the duty of the unions to defend our fellow workers against oppression and racist attacks, and

Whereas, an injury to one is an injury to all,

Therefore be it resolved, that PFSP 111 will mobilize its membership to defend immigrants who are under attack either from government raids or racist groups, and Be it further resolved, that this body repudiates the vile attacks on immigrants and publicly calls for the rest of labor to mobilize in defense of our fellow workers.