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Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, NYS Senate Members

Speaker Heastie, NYS Assemblymembers

From: Undersigned Organizations

Subject: Unions Call for the Passage of New York for All Immediately

This letter is to call your attention to a critical policy that must be passed as soon as possible to protect and support immigrant communities who have come under attack from the federal government - the New York for All Act (A3506 Reyes / S2235 Gounardes). This bill represents the strongest action that New York State can take to keep immigrants together with their families and ensure that the efforts at mass deportation do not tear thousands of New Yorkers from their communities.

New York for All is designed to prevent immigrants from being swept into the ever-expanding deportation dragnet by ending collusion between local police and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The collusion that now exists is completely voluntary and means that people could be funneled into deportation proceedings after any interaction with law enforcement. An increasing number of these raids are happening in the workplace. By limiting the collusion, New York State can send a strong message that we value our immigrant communities, the work they do and their many contributions to New York State. New York elected officials should definitively say we will not proactively engage in a federal level mass deportation effort.

New York already limits the collusion it has with the federal government in order to make New York a safer state for immigrants and all New Yorkers through our Greenlight Legislation allowing undocumented people to acquire licenses. New York for All is an extension of that logic. We've seen the impact of ICE raids and presence in our state over the last month - dips in

work attendance highlight the fear of separation that is keeping workers at home. Normally bustling commercial corridors are now experiencing few customers, hurting our entire economy.

Today, a patchwork of policies exist - from New York City to Nassau and beyond, so a worker who lives in one place and who steps across a county line to work, can face drastically changing possibilities of being deported. New York for All is needed to establish a consistent, state-wide policy, consistent with our history and values.

We urge your swift action. This bill must be passed quickly, and we are counting on your support.

Sincerely,

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UAW Region 9A

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New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA)

Communications Workers of America, District 1

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