

DRAFT LETTER TO HOTELS

Dear XXX,

I am writing to you on behalf of our 300,000 UNITE HERE members and our families, urging you to refuse to allow ICE to use any of your properties as jails for immigrants during the Trump administration's threatened raids.

I'm reaching out to you directly because the planned deportations may include the detention of one million immigrants and their families. Hotels are meant to welcome guests and provide a safe, memorable place for them to stay – not to be used as for-profit jails for immigrants.

We strongly oppose this policy, and we are calling on you and all of our employer partners to join us in refusing to aid and abet this administration's mass deportations. As you know, immigrants contribute heavily to the hospitality industry, which would suffer without their backbreaking work and commitment to their workplaces, communities, families, and this country.

Mass detentions must be opposed by every American who shares a sense of decency and an understanding of history. It is time to declare publicly that no part of your company or brands will contract with the U.S. government to facilitate the unlawful incarceration.

We expect you will want to reassure your employees, customers, shareholders, and guests that you will refuse to profit from the pain and misery of people seeking refuge in this country. The choice to do so is beyond immoral – it also affects your bottom line: Who would ever elect to stay at hotel that's also known across the country - and world – as a jail?

This is why we're calling on XXX to stand on the right side of history and publicly assure us and the world that you will refuse to participate in any way in the jailing of immigrant children and families.

Respectfully,

D. Taylor