

A Word from NCEDSV's Executive Director

A Call to Action:

"Stop the Erosion of Immigrant Rights, Protections, and Dignity"

According to John Stuart Mill, "Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing." At this time in our country, we are witnessing this quote playing out in real time.

At the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV), we work every day to end gender-based partner violence and sexual assault against all people. Seeing the current erosion of immigrant rights, protections, and dignity is in direct conflict with our mission, vision and values. All families should be able to seek safety without fearing punishment or pursue asylum without ending up in cages. We are already hearing the stories of abusers using this opportunity to target the most vulnerable among us. These actions not only threaten the safety of immigrants, but also are threats to our entire way of life and make all of us less safe.

[Attorney General Jeff Sessions' ruling](#) last week to stop granting asylum to most victims of domestic violence halts the progress we have made in the last 30 years to underscore the danger of violence in the home. This ruling cannot be supported. We want laws and policies that promote safety not denigrate the experiences of immigrants. We want to expand the protections of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and are thankful that U and T visa relief is still available for at risk immigrants. We are proud that the Nevada State Legislature removed prohibitions on providing [Victim Compensation](#) to non-citizens during the last session.

We can and must stand against policies that separate children and parents; decrease access to safety and security for the most vulnerable; and, betray our core values. Now is the time to act – call or write your [legislators](#), speak out in your community and invite your friends, neighbors and family to do the same. Look on, bring our voices together and do something.

Here are some of the events in which you can participate and show your support:

- [Families Belong Together](#) nationwide demonstration in Washington, D.C. taking place on Saturday, June 30. This event is powered by [MoveOn.org Democracy in Action](#).
- Interested in local events occurring in Nevada on Saturday, June 30?
 - Saturday, June 30 at 10 a.m. (PDT) at the U.S. ICE Enforcement & Removal Operations in Las Vegas, NV. RSVP to attend at [Families Belong Together Nevada](#).
 - Check back often for additional events being scheduled across Nevada.
- Interested in hosting your own event on June 30? Go to [Families Belong Together](#).
- Want to start a petition? [MoveOn.org](#)
- Want to learn more about VAWA, U visa, and T visa? Visit the [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#)
- Share this information on your social media networks.