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BAMN Meeting Tonight @ 6pm & Upcoming Actions

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BAMN Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration and Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary

Come to the BAMN Meeting, Monday, February 24 @ 6:00pm

Espresso Royale on S. University in the basement

Upcoming Actions (flier attached):

* Rally & March Thursday, February 27th @ 12pm on the Diag: Make UofM a Sanctuary Campus for All Immigrants - DACA Must Stay, Trump Must Go

* Monday, March 2: Join BAMN's Mobilization to Washington D.C. at the U.S. Supreme Court for Immigrant Rights, Stop Deportations and Defend the Right to Asylum. The Supreme Court will hear two cases on March 2, ***Department of Homeland Security v. Thuraissigiam, and Nasrallah v. Barr.*** The issues that will be decided in these cases are life and death questions for a growing number of immigrants, many who have been here for years like DACA recipients and the Iraqi refugees fighting for their lives against deportations, and many who have not yet arrived (contact bamn@umich.edu to get on the bus.)



RALLY & MARCH: Thursday, February 27th - U of M, Ann Arbor 12pm on the Diag

Make the University of Michigan a Sanctuary Campus for All Immigrants

TRUMP MUST GO, DACA MUST STAY

By Any Means Necessary

Build Community Defense to Stop I.C.E. Raids and Deportations: Take Action to Defend your Neighbors, Friends, Family, Classmates and Co-workers from I.C.E. terror

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March at the Supreme Court Monday, March 2 to Defend Immigrant Rights - Stop Deportations - Defend the Right to Asylum

The right to leave your country if your life is in danger and to seek refuge somewhere else is a fundamental human right. It's the promise written beneath the Statue of Liberty.

Trump's racist attacks on immigrants, the attack on DACA, his anti-Muslim travel ban, his border wall, his deadly concentration camps, the emboldening of ICE thugs to terrorize our communities and tear apart families - are an attempt to redefine citizenship on the basis of racism and nationalism.

Our civil rights/immigrant rights movement is the strongest force standing against Trump and the only force that can defeat him and his racist movement. We are fighting for full citizenship rights for all immigrants; if you live here, work here, go to school here, contribute to this society, you are a citizen.

On the same day that the U.S. Congress voted to acquit Donald Trump, Detroit students at Western High School organized with BAMN and for their sixth walkout in the past few months since the Supreme Court heard the DACA case. Our demands are simple and clear: *DACA and immigrant rights are here to stay, and Donald Trump and I.C.E. must go*. Our youth leaders are the true heroes and champions of the fast growing social movement.

BAMN is mobilizing for a march for immigrant rights in Washington D.C. at the U.S. Supreme Court on March 2, 2020 when the Court will hear two cases: ***Department of Homeland Security v. Thuraissigiam, and Nasrallah v. Barr.*** The outcome of these cases will affect

hundreds of thousands of refugees and asylum seekers, including the dozens of Iraqi refugees and Central American asylum seekers BAMN is representing.

The first case, ***Department of Homeland Security v. Thuraissigiam,*** is about the right of immigrants seeking asylum in the U.S. to have their cases heard in court before being deported. The government wants to deny asylum-seekers this Constitutional right and place them in the "expedited removal" system.

Mr. Vijayakumar Thuraissigiam, a Tamil man who fled his home in Sri Lanka to escape torture, beatings, and threats on his life. Tamil people are an ethnic minority that the Sri Lankan government has subjected to a well-documented campaign of human rights violations. He was denied asylum in the U.S. after a cursory and inadequate interview, without any chance to take his case to court and was placed in the "expedited removal" system.

The second case, ***Nasrallah v. Barr*****,** is about whether or not the Federal Appeals Courts can review the facts of cases of some refugees can be deported to countries where they will face persecution, torture and death. The Convention Against Torture is an international human rights treaty meant to protect refugees who fear persecution in their home country.

Nidal Khalid Nasrallah, a member of the religious minority group Lebanese Druze, fled Lebanon after attacks on his life which led to him breaking his back. After coming to the United States, he become permanent resident (green card holder). The U.S. sought his removal after he was convicted for receiving $500,000 worth of stolen cigarettes. The Convention Against Torture, a human rights treaty, generally prohibits removal in such cases.

The government wants to prohibit Federal Courts from reviewing the underlying facts, the actual substance in cases like Mr. Nasrallah's, and limit their jurisdiction to only review Constitutional, legal and procedural issues. This would limit the rights of immigrants facing deportation to appeal their case to a higher court, and strengthen the ability of an immigration judge to sentence someone to death by deportation for a past conviction for which they already served their time.

The issues that will be decided in these cases are life and death questions for a growing number of immigrants, many who have been here for years like DACA recipients and the Iraqi refugees fighting for their lives against deportations, and many who have not yet arrived and are part of the most massive movement of humanity across national borders in history.

On March 2, we will bring the fighting spirit of Detroit to the Supreme Court and set an example for the nation: we have the power to make and change history.

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