
BAMN Meeting Tonight 6pm: Defend DACA. Get Trump out Now!

Kate Stenvig <kstenvig@umich.edu>
To: BAMN Info List <bamn-list@umich.edu>

Wed, Jan 10, 2018 at 2:50 PM



**BAMN MEETING Wednesday January 10, 6pm
basement of Espresso Royale on S. University**

Martin Luther King Day March & Rally
Monday, January 15 - 12pm on the Diag
Defend DACA - Pass the DREAM ACT!
Stop Deportation of Iraqi Refugees: Free All Detainees NOW!
Trump Must Resign or Be Removed!
Keep Richard Spencer OFF our Campus!

- Defend DACA! Pass the Federal Dream Act Now!
- Trump Must Resign or Be Removed!
- Make Ann Arbor a Real Sanctuary City! Make U of M a Sanctuary Campus!
- Keep Richard Spencer & off UM Campus! No Platform for Fascists - Charlottesville: Never Again!
- Defend Temporary Protection Status (TPS) and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Now! No Deportations!
- No Muslim Ban! No Wall!
- Take Action to Stop ICE Raids and Deportations! If you see ICE "la migra" Don't Walk on By
- Stop Deportation of Iraqi Refugees! Free All Immigrant Detainees from Detention Now!
- Full Citizenship Rights Now for ALL Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers! Open the Borders!
- No War with North Korea

It is time for the Movement that has fought and won important victories against Trump since his inauguration, to come back into the streets, rise again to the level of the immigrant rights movement of 2006, and deal a final blow to Trump's presidency.

Defending DACA is the key to defending all immigrants, and defeating Trump and the racists. ¡Si se puede!

Building on our strongest victories is our most powerful tactic to defeat Trump. DACA is the most important gain of the immigrant rights movement. The fact that Trump delayed ending DACA for 6 months, giving Congress time to act, rather than an outright abolition of the program, is because of the great strength and popularity of the DREAMers. Immigrant youth have garnered the broadest, most popular support and national attention because of their bold leadership in the direct action and mass mobilizations it took to win DACA in the first place. In 2006, millions across the country led by young immigrants, took to the streets and defeated Bush's anti-immigrant attack within weeks. The sleeping giant awoke. That movement came alive in the early weeks after Trump took office, preventing some of his worst attacks, and in September to protest the ending of DACA. We must come out in mass numbers now to defend DACA, force Congress to pass the DREAM Act and stop all the deportations.

Our Strength is Trump's Weakness

Trump has made a succession of mass attacks on specific groups of immigrants one after the other - DACA, TPS, young refugees with Special Juvenile Immigrant Status who came as unaccompanied minors, and longstanding immigrant communities from Iraq, Cambodia, Cuba, China, and Vietnam, and others, who were never targeted for deportation until Trump because they would face torture and death if they returned. This series of attacks are desperate attempts to show his racist supporters that he can carry out mass deportations, which is all he has to offer them. So far, because of the resistance of our movement, Trump is failing to reach the high numbers of deportations that Obama did, despite Trump making more arrests. Immigrant bashing is the only real strength of the Trump regime, but it's also Trump's greatest weakness. It is the only issue that can tear him down as quickly as it built him up. Now is the time to tear him down along with the racist and fascist movement that he has emboldened.

Stop Deportations of Iraqi Refugees! Free All Detainees Now!

Detroit is leading the way in building community defense against ICE, with the Chaldean and Muslim Iraqi communities' direct action to free the hundreds of Iraqi Refugees who were rounded up by ICE on June 11 to be deported to Iraq to their certain death. Trump hoped this would be a quick operation that could add to his deportation numbers. But instead a quick mobilization of the family members, BAMN and other community members gathered at the ICE office and physically blocked the ICE prison buses, confronting ICE and the police, and gaining support from people driving by. We were able to stop the bus for an hour from leaving to take our people to the detention center. Although the bus finally was able to speed by us, this mass militant action created a huge national scandal for Trump and set the

national standard for what it means to stop deportations By Any Means Necessary. The continued resistance of our movement both in court and in the streets has secured a stay on the deportations, so now their cases are clogging up the immigration courts, giving us time to build our movement to stop their deportations and free everyone from detention. Several people have been released and recently a Federal judge ordered bond hearings for many of the people still detained. But we cannot rely on legal process. Every victory we have won has been won by the movement. We need to mobilize with the militancy of that first night of struggle at the ICE office to win freedom for everyone who is detained and stop all their deportations.

**Keep Out Richard Spencer!
Make UM a Sanctuary Campus!**

The University of Michigan has been shamelessly negotiating with white supremacist Richard Spencer about when and where to allow him to speak on our campus to spew racist hatred and immigrant-bashing. Spencer has now given the University a deadline of *Martin Luther King Day* to confirm his permission to come. His aim is not to have a dialogue; his aim is to recruit youth to build a fascist movement for racist terror, and ultimately genocide. We demand this decision be reversed. This Martin Luther King Day, our campus must make it clear: FASCISTS ARE NOT WELCOME HERE!

There can be no safe event at which Spencer or any white supremacist is speaking. Other campuses such as Michigan State have refused to give Spencer a platform based on the racist violence of his bigoted supporters that have accompanied his speeches, including the murder of Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, and the shooting by his supporters at anti-racist protesters following his speech at the University of Florida. By giving Spencer a platform, President Schlissel and the UM Regents would be giving direct license to the incitement of bigotry and terror across the campus, and would be directly responsible for endangering students and our entire diverse, international community.

Students and community of Ann Arbor have been a model for making this community a sanctuary for immigrants. We have repeatedly stopped deportations and raids on our community by mobilizing mass demonstrations that have freed people from detention, and organizing community defense against I.C.E., making clear we will not walk on by and allow our family, friends and neighbors to be kidnapped and deported. With every attack on our community, our movement has responded with anger and determination to grow stronger and more organized. We need to mobilize the full force of that movement now.

The movement led by BAMN in California has provided a stunning example for the nation by repeatedly shutting down Milo Yiannopolous and other alt-right/fascist speakers and rallies at UC Berkeley and the Bay Area. U of M, like Berkeley, has been historically a battleground for the fight against racism. If Richard Spencer comes here, it will be of national importance that we mobilize mass militant action to SHUT HIM DOWN as we did in Berkeley.

The alt-right and fascists are emboldened by Trump's explicit backing and by the central tenet of his program—racist anti-immigrant demagoguery and attacks—including his repeal of DACA and TPS. As long as Trump is president, no immigrant community is safe from deportations, none of us are safe from violent attacks by Trump's racist and fascist supporters, and we live with the ever-present threat of Trump launching a war with North Korea that could become a nuclear World War III. The one-year anniversary of Trump's election should be the occasion for the movement to defeat him once and for all!

**Open the Borders! Permanent and
Full citizenship rights for all Immigrants and Refugees!**

The Trump administration has just announced another widespread attack on immigrants, threatening to end TPS for 325,000 immigrants from 13 countries - El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Nepal - many who have lived here for decades, have children here, jobs, businesses - their lives are here and many have nothing to go back to.

Immigrants with TPS were exempted from deportation after natural disasters devastated their countries or because of ongoing armed conflicts such as civil wars. While conditions have worsened in those countries, politically and environmentally - creating more refugees than ever before in human history - the Trump administration now shamelessly claims that conditions in those countries have improved and no longer justify protection from deportation.

As with DACA, Trump did not immediately end TPS protections for all countries. So far Trump has officially announced the ending of TPS for 2,500 Nicaraguans and 60,000 Haitians, and leaving people from the other countries in limbo, extending and deferring the decision to some future time. This tactic of delays, and taking away the rights and status of immigrants group by group is meant to paralyze our movement by creating at the same time generalized fear that anyone of us could be next, and the false hope that some of us will be spared, or that Congress will intervene to stop Trump. Rather than becoming paralyzed by our fears and false hopes, the best way to stop Trump, is to act decisively now to defend DACA, TPS and win a permanent pathway to citizenship for DACA students and immigrant families.

We must be our own heroes. We cannot rely on politicians to defend the DACA youth or to impeach Trump. The Democrats and Republicans have used the DREAM Act and "Immigration Reform" as political football for too long. We can win greater and lasting victories on the strength of our own power. We know this is possible -- we've done it and we can do it again ¡Si se puede!

TRUMP MUST RESIGN OR BE REMOVED!

A weak Trump administration crumbling in the White House - with an untamed Trump demagogue that cannot hold his tongue or twitter fingers, who now openly defends KKK and fascist terror after the horrific events of Charlottesville, including the murder of Heather Heyer, with his most vicious supporters cowering in their houses and fuming on the internet - *cannot be sustained*.

But Trump and his policies can only be decisively defeated by being forced to resign or to be removed by a mass movement. There is nothing automatic to the process of ending Trump's failed Presidency and ending the racist attacks that his Presidency engenders, both here and around the world. He will not simply collapse under the weight of his own stupidity. It is up to our movement to WIN -- to BEAT Trump and the racists!