

STATEMENT BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN RESPONSE TO ARIZONA'S NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

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As health care providers committed to human rights and health justice, we strongly condemn Arizona SB 1070, which was signed into law on April 23, 2010 by Governor Jan Brewer. This unprecedented law requires law enforcement officials to detain anyone suspected of being in the country illegally to confirm their immigration or citizenship status. It also criminalizes the failure to carry identity documents that legitimize a person's presence in America.

This law will promote racial profiling, discrimination, and intimidation by law enforcement officials, who are routinely present in emergency rooms and other health care settings. The law will create new obstacles to obtaining needed health care. It is an affront to human rights and a devastating step backwards for the health and well being of the entire nation.

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