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**Refugees and Allies will Protest President Obama's Visit to Los Angeles:
Demand an End to Raids and Deportations of Central American Refugees**

WHAT: Demonstration to protest the Obama administration's mistreatment of Central American Refugees

WHEN: Thursday, February 11, 2016; 4:30 PM

WHERE: Corner of Wilshire Blvd & Rossmore

The Human Rights Alliance for Child Refugees and Families will demand that President Obama end the terror on Central American refugees and will protest his visit to Los Angeles on Thursday, February 11, 2016 @ 4:30pm. The current ICE raids are instilling fear and terror in the lives of children in the community, many refugees and other undocumented migrants have been fearful of leaving their homes because they fear being detained by ICE.

Maribel, a refugee from Honduras, has been detained for over a year in an immigration prison in Texas. She has sickle cell anemia and is very ill and recently she stated from detention: "I am dying slowly in this prison." Another refugee from El Salvador who resides in Los Angeles had an immigration judge refuse to hear her testimony or that of her expert witness-- she is now fearful of getting detained by ICE.

Since the summer of 2014, the Obama administration began punishing Central American refugees who sought asylum in the U.S. by incarcerating them after turning themselves in at the port of entry, including women with their children. Thousands of refugees have been detained, deported, and at least 83 deportees have been murdered since arriving in Central America. Recently, the Obama administration issued a draconian order to deport Central American refugee families and began conducting raids throughout the country and detaining at least 122 individuals, many of them children.

"ICE raids and terror in our communities is unacceptable and brutal," said Nancy Zuniga from the Human Right Alliance for Child Refugees and Families. "We demand the Obama administration stop the raids and deporting refugees once and for all!" Nancy visited detained families at the Karnes Family Detention Center in Texas last year.

The Human Rights Alliance for Child Refugees and Families brings together organizations, refugees, and activists concerned with the mistreatment of refugees in the United States.

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