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Dear Neighborhood House Community,

In response to recent executive actions taken by the United States government, Neighborhood House reaffirms its long-standing commitment to provide services for immigrants, refugees and people in need throughout Seattle and King County.

As a multiservice, multicultural organization with an 111 year history, we offer over 30 programs to help our new neighbors, and the community as a whole, succeed in school, work and life.

Executive orders, barring immigrants and refugees to travel to the United States from seven Middle Eastern countries, could potentially impact over 1,000 of our clients and approximately 25% of our staff who still have family, friends and loved ones living in these countries. These orders are mean spirited and fly in the face of decency and humanity, let alone constitutional protections granted everyone regardless of their immigration status. These orders impact all of us.

Here's what you can do to support Neighborhood House and our community members in need:

Support our work! Help us create a welcoming community for our region's immigrant, refugee and low-income residents by [donating now](#).

Advocate! Contact government officials and tell them what matters to you.

- [Find your state legislator here](#).
- [Find your Congressperson and Senators here](#).

Volunteer! Connect directly with those we serve and help support their goals. Learn more [here](#).

Attend our breakfast! Join fellow Neighborhood House supporters for our [111th Anniversary Breakfast](#) where we gather as a community and commit ourselves to action for the upcoming year.

Share our story! Spread the word through your social networks and ask your family and friends to like our [Facebook page](#), subscribe to our [newsletter](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)

We are fortunate to live in a city, county and state that are led by courageous individuals. We applaud Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, King County Executive Dow Constantine, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee, State Attorney General Bob Ferguson and so many of our elected officials who immediately issued statements condemning the President's actions and voicing their support for immigrants and refugees.

Neighborhood House is working diligently to provide our clients and staff with up-to-date information and to connect them with the resources they need to address issues as they arise.

Children are afraid that someone will come take them away at night. Their parents worry that they will lose their homes, their jobs, their businesses, their families. This is not American.

Sadly, we expect more attacks on immigrants, refugees, people of color, women, religious minorities, the poor, the environment, our LGBTQ friends and family and other marginalized communities.

For every attack, someone will stand up. Someone will stand strongly in opposition to hate, to fear, to oppression, to injustice. Neighborhood House will stand in solidarity and say “No, not here.”

This is not who we are as a community and as a nation. We are better than this.

Please join us in standing up for our community.

Sincerely,



Mark Okazaki
Executive Director

About Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House was founded in 1906 as a Settlement House to welcome refugees who were fleeing religious persecution. Today, we continue that tradition of welcoming immigrants and refugees who come to America to escape war, poverty, and persecution. Last year, Neighborhood House provided services to thousands of new community members coming to King County from over 90 different countries.

Neighborhood House continuously adapts our services to meet the cultural and language needs of those living in our region. Speaking 35 different languages, 1st, 2nd or 3rd generation immigrants and refugees make up our staff of 250.

