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Google: Respect Tech's Immigrant Workers

In recent weeks, we have watched as President Trump's actions have attacked who we are—a nation that welcomes immigrants and aspires to treat people equally regardless of creed, color, background and birthplace. Millions of immigrants serve our country everyday—as housekeepers, servers, janitors, cooks and dishwashers.

Already many companies are taking powerful stands against attacks on immigrants to advocate in the best interests of their employees and their companies' future prosperity.

Google, one of the largest, most profitable technology companies in the world—and a company with thousands of cafeteria workers, janitors, security guards, shuttle drivers, groundskeepers, and other service workers in its offices around the country—has spoken out in a unique way. Google joined an amicus brief against the Trump administration's first travel ban. Its founder and parent company board member Sergey Brin joined the protests at San Francisco International Airport. In January, more than 2,000 Google employees around the world staged a walkout in protest of the travel ban.

Many organizations have called for May 1, 2017 to be a day of action—a day with no work, no school, and no purchasing.

We call on Google to honor the wishes of any workers who want to participate in those actions. In particular, service workers, many of whom work for subcontractors, may wish to participate in demonstrations or walkouts on that day. **We call on Google not to discipline those workers who participate, and we also call on them to hold their food service, janitorial, security, and other contractors to the same standard.**

Signed,

Alliance for Citizenship
Black and Brown Workers Collective
Brandworkers
California Institute for Rural Studies
CASA of Maryland
Center for Community Change
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)
Culinary Union, UNITE HERE
Enlace
Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)
Food Chain Workers Alliance
Franciscan Action Network
HANA Center
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (ICIRR)
International Labor Rights Forum
Jobs With Justice
Junta for Progressive Action, Inc.
Korean Resource Center
La Union del Pueblo Entero
Latinos United for a New America (LUNA)
League of United Latin American Citizens
Make the Road New York
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)

May Day Coalition
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council
Movimiento Cosecha
National Immigration Law Center
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Partnership for New Americans
Office of Social Ministries, Diocese of San Jose
One Billion Rising and V-Day
OneAmerica
People's Action
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada
Promise Arizona
Rural Community Worker Alliance
SEIU-United Service Workers West
Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN)
South Bay Labor Council
Tech Workers Coalition
Tompkins County (NY) Workers' Center
UNITE HERE Local 2850
UNITE HERE Local 19
Workers' Center of Central New York
Working Partnerships USA
Young Workers United