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The six-identity based agencies at Florida State University would like to offer their support in light of recent events regarding detainment camps, family separation, and immigration issues. Thousands of people with intersecting marginalized identities are being affected and we acknowledge that these events impact our respective organizations and members. We are united against hatred, exclusion, and discrimination. We stand against the inhumane treatment of people of all kinds.

People from all over the world move to the United States of America in search of better opportunities, freedom from persecution, asylum, and other aspects of the American dream. There are many barriers to enter and even more along the long path to citizenship. Furthermore, with growing environmental, political, religious, and economical injustices around the world, we empathize with the courage it takes to endure these burdens and flee unimaginable circumstances. We believe that we need to break down barriers and build more bridges.

Although we acknowledge that immigration and refugee topics are complex and highly debated, we firmly believe that there are some truths that are not up for debate – people should be treated with respect and compassion regardless of their national origin and/or other factors. We are deeply saddened by the accounts and evidence of abuse in detainment centers and around the border across the country. We believe that our differences should not divide us, but instead make us understanding individuals with culturally-aware mindsets.

We will continue to stand in solidarity against abuses and strive for diversity and inclusion on Florida State's campus and beyond. We want to continue to cultivate community and provide support in any way possible. The agency community spaces are located on the fourth floor of Thagard. The Black Student Union House is located at 921 W. Jefferson St. More information about Florida State University's identity-based agencies and other campus resources can be found at <http://sga.fsu.edu/agencies.shtml>.