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## **Rights Groups File Emergency Injunction to Obtain Police-ICE Collaboration Documents Preceding Local Negotiations**

### **Attorneys, Advocates Call “Secure Communities” Dangerous, Demand Information to End Opt-Out Confusion**

**Tele-briefing today at 1:00 p.m. EST (800) 868-1837, Code: 868895#**

October 28, 2010, New York – Today, the **National Day Laborer Organization Network (NDLON)**, the **Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)** and the **Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law** filed an injunction in federal court to require the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency to turn over critical documents on the ability for communities to opt-out of the massive deportation dragnet “Secure Communities” (S-Comm) program before local negotiations with the agency in early November regarding the opt-out policy, around which ICE’s statements have been what groups describe as inconsistent and confusing.

**WHAT:** Telephone briefing on S-Comm emergency injunction filed against ICE

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. EST/10:00 a.m. PST

**WHO:** **Esteban Garces**, Tenants and Workers United; **Pablo Alvarado**, NDLO Executive Director; **Sunita Patel**, CCR Staff Attorney; and **Hannah Weinstein**, Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

According to advocates who have reviewed the initial S-Comm documents from the FOIA case, they reveal a pattern of dishonesty. Information about the nascent program has been scarce, and the development of operational details has been shrouded in secrecy. S-Comm, which currently operates in approximately 600 jurisdictions across the country, functions like the controversial 287(g) program and Arizona’s SB1070, making state and local police central to the enforcement of federal immigration law. The program automatically runs fingerprints through immigration databases for all people arrested and targets them for detention and deportation even if their criminal charges are minor, eventually dismissed, or the result of an unlawful arrest.

*The Center for Constitutional Rights is dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human*

*Rights. Founded in 1966 by attorneys who represented civil rights movements in the South, CCR is a non-profit legal and educational organization committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change. Visit [www.ccrjustice.org](http://www.ccrjustice.org)*

*The mission of the National Day Laborer Organization Network is to improve the lives of day laborers in the U.S. Visit [www.ndlon.org](http://www.ndlon.org)*

*The Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law was founded in 2008 to provide quality pro bono legal representation to indigent immigrants facing deportation. Under the supervision of experienced practitioners, law students in the Clinic represent individuals facing deportation and community-based organizations in public advocacy, media and litigation projects. Visit [www.cardozo.yu.edu/immigrationjustice](http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/immigrationjustice)*

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