

Statement by NDWA (National Domestic Workers Alliance) and NDLO (National Day Laborer Organizing Network):

"SB 1070 in Arizona will have a devastating effect on the people of Arizona, and women and children will be at the front lines of this crisis.

Women are the backbone of our communities; they are the glue that holds us together. Women care for our families, and they are also primary income earners, community leaders, and models for the next generation. With the passage of this new law, women in Arizona will be the target of racial profiling, searches and seizures, and police harassment. Law enforcement will have free reign to detain and disappear mothers, separate families for their mere presence in the state. Every time they walk their children to school, buy food, go to work, visit a local health clinic or attend church on a Sunday, they will risk permanent separation from their children and families

This assault on immigrant communities is also a deep assault on the legacy of the women's movement to break the code of silence surrounding violence against women; because they will be afraid of reporting all crimes, including hate crimes and violent acts against women and their children. Specifically, we are concerned about the physical, psychological, and verbal abuses by law enforcement once women are detained and incarcerated. Furthermore, women in unsafe situations, such as sexual assault and domestic violence, will not report out of fear of deportation. Arizona has officially declared open season on women of color.

Women in Arizona and around the country are calling for federal intervention against the State of Arizona, a repeal of SB 1070 and an end to 287G and other measures allowing state and local enforcement of federal immigration laws. SB 1070 is illegal, unconstitutional, and immoral."