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Dear Business Owner:

February 3, 2017

On Monday, February 13, Voces de la Frontera is holding a statewide “Day Without Latinos, Immigrants, and Refugees” to call on Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke to not enroll in the federal 287g program, which would allow his officers to be deputized to act as Immigration agents.

Sheriff Clarke has declared he intends to enroll in 287g, and he could do so within one month. The 287g program has been totally discredited around the country. Where it has been implemented, it has led to an increase in racial profiling and constitutional rights violations. Communities that enrolled in the program, like Joe Arpaio’s Maricopa County, Arizona, have wasted millions defending themselves in civil rights lawsuits, while serious crimes have gone ignored. The program would make tens of thousands of people in Milwaukee County afraid to report crimes, making all less safe.

In 2006 and 2007, and again in February 2016, businesses that relied on Latinos and immigrants as workers and customers allowed their employees to join historic civil rights marches for Latino and immigrant civil rights. In Wisconsin, hundreds of businesses actually closed during the mobilization in a show of solidarity. The actions succeeded in stopping anti-immigrant legislation.

As happened in 2016, 2006, and 2007, we are asking all Wisconsin business to join us. We will march on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am from 1027 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., to the Milwaukee County Courthouse. We are asking for your support in the following ways:

- Please join us and grant permission for your employees and their families to join us in the march from 11am to 1pm in Milwaukee on February 13, 2016.**
- Give a tax-deductible donation to offset the expenses of this event. Costs include: permits, media advertisement, mailings, printing of flyers and transportation for participants coming from other cities.
- Please post a flyer for this event in your business and distribute flyers to customers, friends and family.
- Please call the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office at 414-278-4766 and email [sheriff@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:sheriff@milwaukeecountywi.gov) to urge Sheriff Clarke to not enroll in 287g.

**February 13th Logistics:**

- 11:00am - March leaves from 1027 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Milwaukee**
- 12:00pm – Rally on the steps of the Milwaukee County Courthouse (901 N 9<sup>th</sup> St)**
- 1:00pm - Mobilization at the Courthouse ends**

Please feel free to contact me at 414-736-2835 or via email at [christine@vdlf.org](mailto:christine@vdlf.org) regarding your contribution. A profound *gracias* for your interest and participation!

Sincerely,

Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director Voces de la Frontera