



**Greater Chicago Food Depository
Statement on Threat of Deportation Raids
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The Greater Chicago Food Depository strongly opposes the Trump administration's continued threat of deportation raids.

We serve more than 800,000 people each year in Chicago and throughout Cook County with the help of our community partners. Among the people we serve are immigrants who are working hard to create a better life but still struggling to make ends meet.

The mere possibility of deportation raids can discourage immigrant households from seeking the food they need to live healthy lives. We believe this chilling effect could cause children and adults to go hungry, as their families may be reluctant to visit summer meal sites and other programs. That outcome is simply unacceptable in Chicago and in the United States.

The Food Depository calls on the Trump administration to cease these actions, which are stoking fears across the nation and causing additional hardship for families that are already struggling. We can and should do better as a nation to make sure all of our neighbors have a place at the table.

The Food Depository and its partners are committed to serving anyone in need of food, regardless of their immigration status or nationality. We want our neighbors to know they will be welcomed and served with dignity at any of our partner agencies and programs.