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Statement by Florida AFL-CIO President Mike Williams on President Trump's Executive Orders on Immigration.

Tallahassee, FL - In response to President Trump's sweeping executive actions on immigration President of the Florida AFL-CIO Mike Williams issued the following statement:

"President Trump's actions on immigration set a dangerous precedent that will sow chaos and fear in our local communities and in the lives of Florida's hard working immigrant families.

What truly makes Florida great is our diversity and rich immigrant history. Rather than uniting, President Trump's actions will senselessly tear apart families in our state and open the door for unscrupulous employers to further exploit immigrant labor.

Florida's labor movement remains dedicated in our efforts to fight against the oppression of immigrant communities and will continue to provide a platform that lifts up the voices of all workers in our state."

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Central Florida AFL-CIO Stands in Opposition to Trump Executive Orders on Immigration

Orlando, FL – The following statement was issued by Eric Clinton, President of the Central Florida AFL-CIO, following President Trump's executive orders on immigration:

"With the stroke of his pen on Wednesday, Donald Trump committed his administration to the advancement of human misery. Trump's isolationist policies will result in the growth of mass incarceration, the expansion of un-American deportation forces and the creation of a wall that seeks to divide us."

"The greater Orlando area thrives as one of the most diverse regions in the country enriched by our large immigrant community. The strength of our workers movement in the region is a reflection of this diversity."

"We have and will continue to uplift the leadership of immigrant workers through our citizenship programs, organizing campaigns and our political advocacy to ensure local and state elected officials promote and protect immigrant rights."

"We are committed to standing with our immigrant sisters and brothers in opposition to these executive orders by the Trump administration."

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Statement by South Florida's AFL-CIO on Trump's Administration on Immigration Actions

Miami, FL - "Nearly one quarter of Florida's entire workforce is comprised of immigrants. Their workforce participation varies from industry to industry, but certain sectors of our economy rely heavily on our immigrant labor force. Overall, immigrants contribute more to Florida's economy than they cost."

"In Miami-Dade County, where three fourths of the population are immigrants or children of immigrants, Trump's recent executive orders have had far reaching implications and effects in our state, and local governments like. The orders will disrupt and tear apart honest and hardworking families and it will discourage trust and cooperation with law enforcement. When community trust in law enforcement decreases, residents are less likely to report crimes and cooperate with police in the investigation of crimes."

"Trump's executive orders undermine the security of our residents and communities—the opposite of what Trump's orders claim is his goal. These actions will not only create distrust in our communities but also, separate children from their parents, empower unscrupulous employers to exploit immigrant workers, and opens the door for mass workplace raids.

While Trump tries to divide our diverse communities through executive orders, we as a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural labor movement in South Florida, are committed to standing up in opposition to these executive orders. We are committed to re-strengthening the relationships and bonds with our immigrant communities and partners through our citizenship and political programs, organizing trainings, and campaigns. The South Florida AFL-CIO firmly stands by the notion that it is un-American to be anti-immigrant."

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