COVID 19- TALKING POINTS

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL-
- Controlling the pandemic depends on making public health truly public: healthcare for all. This should be a top priority for government spending.
- Immigrant neighbors in our communities are front-line workers during the pandemic. It is shocking to see them excluded from federal relief packages.
- Stimulus legislation must make healthcare available to all, including undocumented immigrants.
- Access to care is a human right, everyone should be included in any COVID relief.
- Suspend the public charge rule so everyone can access healthcare and keep us all safe.

END MIGRATION DETENTION and DEPORTATION
- Migration detention is morally wrong, a waste of taxpayer dollars, and puts thousands of people at risk in a pandemic. End funding for detention and release people who are currently detained.

MORATORIUM ON ALL DEPORTATIONS
- It is irresponsible and unjust to deport people during a pandemic. The U.S. is spending our tax dollars to spread COVID-19 in countries with precarious health systems. This must stop. This is the time for a regularization program that enables people who are in the U.S. to remain in the country and contribute to its economic recovery.

TAKING CARE OF REFUGEES and ASYLUM SEEKERS
- Over the past four years, the US has nearly eliminated its refugee programs, and slammed the door on asylum seekers. We must restore funding to these systems, and eliminate the barriers, so that people who need protection can once again find it in the United States.

PATHWAY TO REGULAR PERMANENT STATUS FOR OUR IMMIGRANT NEIGHBORS
- We all need to rise up together from this crisis. All workers are contributing to our tax base, and we should take everyone into account as we move forward.
- Now is the time for a program that would allow people living in the United States without regular immigration status, a path to lawful permanent residency.

LEADERSHIP IN HUMAN MOBILITY IN OUR HEMISPHERE
- This is a moment to lead with our values, not give in to racism and xenophobia.
- To start, the US should immediately terminate the MPP (Remain in Mexico) agreement with Mexico, and the asylum agreements with Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, that endanger the life and dignity of migrants and people seeking international protection.