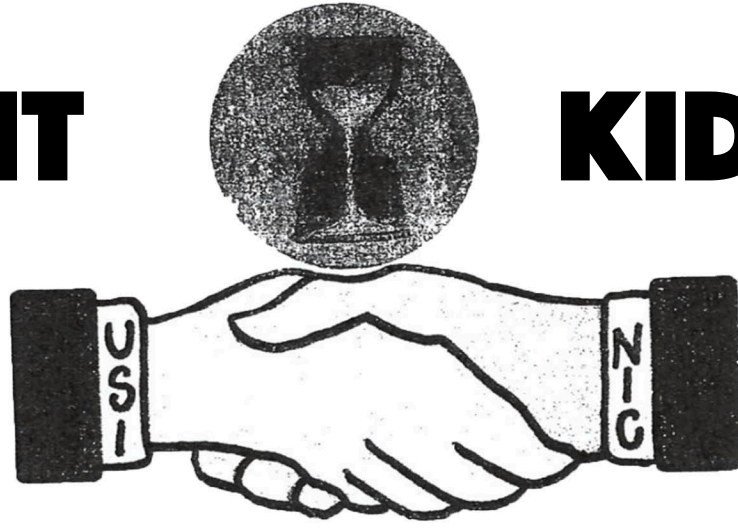


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To the **people** of The United States. To national and international **media**, and to the **authorities** of this nation:

Today we raise our voices—not as numbers, not as statistics, but as what we truly are: **human beings**. We firmly denounce that the current operations against immigrants in The United States are not driven by security concerns or legitimate operational needs. What we are experienced is something else: a system that has turned human suffering into a business model. We have been reduced to “merchandise” but we declare with dignity: **we are not merchandise—we are lives, families, and stories**. What is happening today—this system of mass detentions, this institutionalized human trafficking—**will go down in history as one of the most shameful chapters this nation has ever faced**. The vast majority of us have no criminal record. Only a very small percentage does, and it’s widely known that these have been abusive practices, including fabricated charges, by institutions that are meant to uphold the law—not manipulate it. We are being held in high-security prisons, under punitive conditions, without the right to bail, in direct contradiction to the fundamental principles of the United States Constitution. Today, we denounce something even more alarming:

-Institutions weakened and subordinated to political interests

-A minority driven by racism and economic power deciding the fate of thousands. Fundamental rights being eroded today. The Fifth Amendment is imprisoned, the First Amendment is mortally wounded, and the Constitution itself is in danger. This is not only our struggle, **this is a call to the conscience of the nation**. We urgently call up on all citizens: to defend democracy, to protect its most sacred daughter: the Republic, to stand on the side of the Constitution, and to refuse to be complicit—through silence or indifference—in the suffering of millions of human beings. Families are being separated without just cause. Civil rights are being eroded without justification. And human dignity is being ignored. Now more than ever we ask: **what does it truly mean to make America great again, if not by defending justice, freedom, and humanity? History will JUDGE. And we will not remain silent.**

