This evening, the Dwight, IL Village Board will be voting on three proposals presented by Immigration Centers of America (ICA) to build a 1,200 bed detention center just 66 miles south of Chicago. This proposal, which has faced a consistent and public rebuke from the community as well as, faith, legal, and grassroots organizations from across the state, has moved forward to this final stage. Earlier last month, the Dwight Planning Commission issued a three to two vote to recommend a 'yes' vote to the Village Board regarding this ICA proposal.

Late last week, facing pressure from the Mayor, St. Patrick's Catholic Church cancelled a planned information session about the proposal. This move, which shocked community members, is emblematic of the secrecy that ICE detention center agreements are always shrouded in. Given today’s timeline for the vote, it is crucial to flood the phone lines of the Dwight Village Board, who need a majority vote to approve this toxic proposal.

Take 5 minutes today to urge the Dwight Village Board to vote no to ICA's proposed immigrant jail. Call the members of the Dwight, IL Village Board and urge them to vote no on this destructive proposal.

Step 1: Call Justin Eggenberger, 815-584-0010, and Randy Irvin, 815-474-9795. We believe they are persuadable targets. Additional members of the Village Board to call can be found here.

Step 2: Use the following script as a guide, we encourage you to add an example of why this is important to you:

Hello, my name is [first and last name] and I'm calling to urge you to please vote NO to all proposals presented by Immigration Centers of America to build a detention center in your community ICA is a company that is no different from ICE's other private prison contractors and will yield the same results that immigrant detention has created since its inception. The jobs this jail will create are low-wage, non-union jobs. This detention center, like all others, will largely be run on forced labor as people detained are paid at most $1 a day to work and maintain the jail running. Currently, there are seven different lawsuits across the country because of the coerced labor people detained are forced to perform. Lastly, detention centers are deadly, in the past two years, 22 people have died inside of them largely due to the medical negligence and abuses rampant in the immigrant detention system. Dwight needs a sustainable way to thrive as a community, not a jail that will create unstable, low wage jobs, legal liabilities, and carry out extensive human rights abuses. We urge you to vote NO on all ICA proposals. Thank you.

Step 3: Leave a voicemail expressing why you think this project should be cancelled.

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Esta tarde, la junta de la aldea Dwight, IL estará votando en tres propuestas presentadas por Immigration Centers of America (ICA) para construir un centro de detención de 1,200 camas a solo 90 millas de Chicago. Esta propuesta, la cual ha enfrentado una consistente reacción pública por parte de la comunidad, grupos de fe, legal y de organizaciones comunitarias alrededor del estado, ha avanzado a su etapa final. El mes pasado, un voto de 3-2 de la comisión de planificación recomendó un voto de "aprobación" sobre esta propuesta a la junta de la aldea de Dwight.

La semana pasada, frente a la presión del alcalde, la Iglesia Católica de San Patricio canceló una sesión informativa sobre la propuesta. Esa movida, que sorprendió a los miembros de la comunidad, es emblemática de tipo de censura y secreto del cual siempre son parte en los acuerdos de centros de detención de ICE. Dado el voto de hoy, es vital que inundemos las líneas telefónicas de la junta de aldea de Dwight, quienes necesitan un voto mayoritario para aprobar esta propuesta tóxica.

Tome 5 minutos hoy para urgir a la junta de la aldea de Dwight que voten ‘no’ a la propuesta cárcel migratoria de ICA. Llame a todos los miembros de la junta de la aldea de Dwight y espíre que es esencial cancelar esta propuesta destructive.

Paso 1: Llame a Justin Eggenberger, 815-584-0010, y a Randy Irvin, 815-474-9795. Creemos que son miembros a quienes podemos mover. Los números del resto de la junta de la aldea de Dwight se pueden encontrar aquí.

Paso 2: Use el siguiente guión como una guía, trate de agregar un ejemplo de por qué esto es importante para usted y para su comunidad:

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