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Talking Points: Trump's Cruel Immigration Policies Weaken Our Economy

Main Message: Trump's cruel immigration policies drive up grocery and housing costs for working families while pulling government resources from communities that need them. Amid a looming budget crisis, Trump is poised to protect his mass deportation infrastructure over basic necessities for American families. Trump's playbook: starve domestic programs and services to feed his mass deportation agenda.

 **GROCERIES GETTING MORE EXPENSIVE:** Trump's deportation agenda has already caused agricultural employment to [plummet](#) 6.5% from March to July 2025, with 155,000 farmworkers [lost](#) during peak harvest season. Agriculture labor shortages directly [drive up](#) food prices and families are now paying more at the grocery store.

 **HOUSING CRISIS WORSENING:** The construction industry is [losing](#) workers in states with [high](#) immigrant populations, meaning fewer homes built, longer delays, and higher housing costs for everyone.

 **RESOURCES DIVERTED FROM COMMUNITIES:** New [reporting](#) shows that federal drug prosecutions have fallen to the lowest level in decades, as the Trump administration diverts more than [25,000](#) officers from investigating terrorist threats, child trafficking, and violent crimes to its mass deportation agenda. That will continue – showing how Trump's priorities harm public safety and the economy – wasting resources on deportations that [raise](#) prices instead of protecting Americans from real threats.

 **SHUTDOWN PRIORITIES REVEAL TRUMP'S VALUES:** Even with a pending government shutdown, Trump's \$170 billion mass deportation infrastructure is protected while essential [services](#) will get suspended. ICE operations and deportation activities continue during shutdowns because they're [protected](#) by Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill," ensuring his cruel campaign never stops. That means that we'll [see](#) delayed economic reports, furloughed employees, and suspended services that help families access healthcare and benefits – and we'll see separated families.

 **DEBUNKING A LIE:** Trump and his allies are – as always – trying to spread lies about and scapegoat immigrants. This time, it's a [false claim](#) about the shutdown and undocumented immigrants' healthcare access.

 **Call to Action:** We need leaders who prioritize the actual needs of working families – affordable housing, accessible healthcare, and lower costs – instead of wasting resources on a cruel deportation campaign that's already making life harder and more expensive for everyone.