

Updated release forthcoming

For Immediate Release

April 30, 2021

Contact on site: English - Moni, (626) 393-9465; Spanish - Paula: (313) 826-9033

Primary contact: Christine Miranda, (347) 395-3313, christine.r.miranda@gmail.com

[Photos available here](#)

BREAKING: Undocumented Immigrants and Allies Risk Arrest, Deportation To Protest Biden's "First 100 Days" Without Sufficient Action on Immigration

Washington, DC — On Friday, April 30, the 100th day of the Biden administration, undocumented immigrants are currently risking arrest and deportation to protest the Democratic Party's broken promises to the immigrant community.

Dozens immigrants, DACA recipients, and allies are blocking traffic around the White House (in Black Lives Matter Plaza) to protest "crumbs" from Biden and the Democrats — piecemeal legislation such as the Dream and Promise Act that excludes and criminalizes millions in the undocumented community — and demand permanent protection for all 11 million undocumented immigrants. A larger crowd of over 300 is rallying in support.

"President Biden ended his first 100 days in office with broken promises and insufficient action for my community," said Gema Lowe, an immigrant organizer with Movimiento Cosecha participating in the direct action. **"Biden originally committed to a pathway to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants. Now he is ready to pursue a 'piecemeal' strategy instead that would exclude me and millions of others who have lived in this country for decades. We deserve better. That is why today I am willing to risk arrest, detention, and deportation to demand papers, not crumbs."**

Hector Morales, a Cosecha organizer and DACA recipient also participating in the direct action, said: "The current legislation the Democrats are pushing only focuses on a small portion of undocumented immigrants. Even though I would qualify under the current Dream and Promise Act, I am risking arrest today to tell President Biden that I won't accept piecemeal bills that exclude and criminalize my own community members. I won't accept these crumbs. We need permanent protection for all."

The following day, Saturday, May 1, thousands of undocumented workers and families with Movimiento Cosecha and partner organizations will mobilize downtown to demand "Papers, Not Crumbs" from President Biden and the Democratic Party.

Participants risking arrest in today's action

Interviews available upon request



Gema Lowe, 49. An undocumented immigrant living in Michigan for almost 30 years. Community organizer, mother and grandmother.



Hector Morales, 25, Indiana



Idalia Tinoco, 43. Formerly undocumented immigrant, now a legal permanent resident. A mother and business owner in Michigan.

Statement: “I did this action with fear, but I want to show my community that even with fear, we should fight and demand our rights.”



María del Rosario, 53. A legal permanent resident in Michigan.

“I am tired of bearing witness to the inhumane treatment that the immigrant community lives every day. We deserve to be treated justly, with dignity and respect like any human beings.”

List updating live 4/30