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Somos Un Pueblo Unido Condemns Federal Judge’s Ruling the IRS Can Share Limited Information With DHS

SANTA FE, N.M. – Late on Monday, a federal judge denied *Somos*’ and other organizations’ request to halt sharing personal taxpayer information with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, including Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE). [Public Citizen](#) filed a national lawsuit against the Trump administration and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) earlier this year, concerning an agreement to share the personal tax information of hundreds of thousands of immigrant taxpayers who use Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) to file their annual taxes.

Although no taxpayer information has been shared under the agreement, the federal judge concluded that sharing information is likely lawful as long as ICE uses it *only* to support criminal prosecutions. The judge recognized that the narrow exception did not apply to civil investigations.

“While we are deeply disappointed by the judge’s ruling, it does not erase the clear injustice at the heart of this case,” said **Marcela Díaz, Executive Director of Somos Un Pueblo Unido**. “This decision enables a dangerous collaboration between the IRS and ICE that weaponizes tax data to target immigrant communities, undermining decades of public trust. The impact is not limited to undocumented immigrants; ITIN filers also include lawfully present international students, survivors of domestic violence, and dependents of temporary workers, individuals who rely on the assurance that their personal information will not be used for immigration enforcement.”

Díaz added: “This betrayal could lead to significant financial consequences not just to federal tax revenue but also to the states. The U.S. tax system relies on voluntary compliance, which currently stands at 85 percent. Even a one percentage point drop could cost the federal government \$40 billion in lost revenue. If immigrants fear filing taxes puts them at risk, fewer will come forward, undermining both fairness and the integrity of our tax system. New Mexico’s leaders must take a firm stance against this kind of data sharing. It threatens our families, our

economy, and the trust that is essential for public institutions to function effectively for everyone.”

The judge found that all the organizational plaintiffs, including Somos, had “associational standing” on behalf of their members to bring forward such a challenge. Additionally, Somos was found to have legal standing to challenge the lawfulness of the agreement between the IRS and ICE.

“This case is far from over. Regardless of the judge’s ruling, we will continue to fight to protect our families and the entire immigrant community, whose financial contributions cannot be denied,” said **Gabriela Ibañez Guzman, Somos’ staff attorney**. “Immigrant taxpayers are committed to fulfilling their civic responsibility by filing their taxes honestly and on time. No one should have to choose between obeying the tax laws and risking personal harm.”

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About Somos Un Pueblo Unido

Somos Un Pueblo Unido is a statewide immigrant-based civil and workers' rights organization with membership teams in eight counties and worker centers in Santa Fe, Hobbs, Roswell, and Farmington.