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Somos Un Pueblo Unido decries IRS data sharing agreement with DHS and Joins National Lawsuit Against Trump Administration

SANTA FE, N.M.— In response to news the IRS and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have reached an agreement to share the personal tax information of hundreds of thousands of tax-paying immigrants, *Somos Un Pueblo Unido*, New Mexico's statewide immigrant and worker's rights organization, decried the move and announced its involvement as a plaintiff in a national [lawsuit](#) waged by [Public Citizen](#) against the Trump administration and the IRS.

“This is a further step in the Trump administration's larger effort to use all means available to detain and deport immigrants on a mass scale, while fostering a sense of anxiety and fear through government institutions. This creates the public perception of government institutions acting in politically-motivated and dangerous ways,” said Marcela Díaz, *Somos*' Executive Director. “The fear instilled through these policies will have profound and lasting consequences on immigrant New Mexicans who are adhering to the nation's tax laws by filing their federal and state income taxes using Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITIN's). It is unconscionable for the IRS to turn over their information to ICE for the purposes of immigration enforcement, after assuring immigrants for 30 years they would never do so.”

In late March, *Somos* joined the national lawsuit *Centro de Trabajadores v. Bessent*, which argues that under the Internal Revenue Code, tax return information for all taxpayers must be kept confidential and can only be disclosed as authorized by statute. No statute authorizes disclosure of tax information for purposes of immigration enforcement. Currently, there is a pending temporary restraining order request in the case. Information on the federal lawsuit can be found here: <https://www.citizen.org/litigation/centro-de-trabajadores-unidos-v-bessent/>

Somos also lauded the Congressional Hispanic Caucus on Tuesday for taking a strong stand against the disclosure of tax records. The CHC issued a [statement](#) stating: “Such an agreement would only violate long standing federal privacy protections but also undermine the integrity of our tax system, endanger vulnerable communities, and harm the broader U.S. economy. We urge you to uphold the clear legal mandate that taxpayer information remains protected and reject the illegal use of Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) information for immigration U.S.” Senator Ben Ray Lujan and U.S. Representatives Teresa Leger Fernandez and Gabe Vasquez are members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

"Our state's leaders should be standing up for essential immigrant workers and taxpayers, as well as their New Mexico-born children," said Díaz. "Sharing data with ICE, information that puts New Mexican families at risk of deportation and separation of families, should be a nonstarter."

In total, New Mexico's immigrant population contributes approximately \$1.4 billion in federal, state, and local taxes, with \$554.6 million of that amount supporting public schools, hospitals, roads, and more. There are close to 15,000 New Mexicans, who use an ITIN to file their state taxes every year. Immigrants also use their ITIN's to obtain driver's licenses, open bank accounts, obtain loans and mortgages.

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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.