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## **Somos Un Pueblo Unido Condemns ICE Raid at Lovington Dairy Farm**

**SANTA FE, NM—** Somos Un Pueblo Unido condemns the execution of an [immigration raid](#) at Lovington’s Outlook Dairy Farm last week. These types of enforcement actions threaten the safety and economic well-being of our communities and only serve to infuse fear in working families in southeastern New Mexico. This incident is not isolated; ICE activity has been reported throughout the state, deepening fear and uncertainty among immigrant workers and their loved ones.

**In response, María Romano, Coordinator of Somos Un Pueblo Unido’s Lea County office, issued the following statement:**

“Immigrant workers are essential to New Mexico’s economy, powering industries that stretch from dairy farms to oil and gas. When ICE raids workplaces, it hurts entire industries, disrupts families, and inspires fear that echoes far beyond the workplace.

“Somos Un Pueblo Unido has worked for many years to ensure that New Mexico does not become an extension of ICE. We have successfully secured policies that protect personal data, limit local cooperation with federal enforcement, and expand access to legal support. However, this recent raid reminds us that our communities must be aware of their rights. We must continue to empower ourselves to defend our dignity and demand justice for all New Mexicans, regardless of immigration status.”

Lovington is a town built on hard work, dignity, and diversity. The individuals targeted in this raid are our neighbors, coworkers, and friends, many of whom have lived here peacefully for years, contributing to our economy and enriching our culture. These enforcement actions do not make us safer; instead, they tear families apart, damage trust in public institutions, and undermine our shared values of compassion and justice.

We call on local and state leaders to demand transparency from ICE and to stand up for the rights of all New Mexicans, regardless of immigration status. We urge elected

officials to push for humane immigration laws and to protect vulnerable communities from these harmful, fear-driven tactics.

Additionally, as a service to help families prepare and protect themselves, we invite community members to visit our **Know Your Rights** page at <https://somosunpueblounido.org/know-your-rights/> for up-to-date information and resources.

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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.*