

# THIS PASSOVER, WE STAND FOR FREEDOM!

**As American Jews who have immigrated to the United States over the last two centuries, struggled through poverty and enjoyed precious opportunities for advancement, we join together to speak against the proposed policies that demonize today's immigrants.**

**As Jews, we know that immigrants have always enhanced this nation and affirm our belief that immigrants continue to do so today.**

**We vehemently oppose the House Bill HR 4437 the "Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act" - which would make criminals of immigrants and their families as well as teachers, religious and community workers who work with them. We reject proposals that would create an exploitative guest-worker program and keep immigrants locked in poverty.**

**We call, instead, for a path to citizenship, meaningful worker protections, living wages for all workers, and full rights for all immigrants.**

**This Passover, as we remember what it means to be "strangers in the land of Egypt," we call on our communities and our political representatives to stand for freedom and justice.**

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