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**Make the Road Responds to Trump's Threat to Declare a National Emergency at the Border**

**Las Vegas, NV** – Immigrant leaders from Nevada, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut denounce Trump's latest attack on immigrants and effort to undermine democratic institutions

In response to Donald Trump's declaration that he might declare a national emergency at the border, the Make the Road organizations in Nevada, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut issued the following joint statement:

“In an effort to undermine Congress and continue his anti-immigrant racist ploy, Donald Trump is lying to the people and manufacturing a fictitious national emergency. Trump cannot turn the military into his own personal company to build his absurd, racist, expensive border wall.”

“The real crisis is the fact that immigrant children are dying at the hands of ICE and CBP, the families that have been separated at the border, and the 800,000 federal employees and their families whose paychecks and livelihoods are being held hostage. The only crisis at the border has been caused by this administration's cruel policies towards children and families.”

“Not one dollar should be given for Trump's wall, or his out-of-control deportation machine. The Senate should pass the bipartisan House bills to reopen the government, and Trump should come to his senses and end this government shutdown.”