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## PRESS STATEMENT

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### **CARECEN SF Condemns State-Sponsored Violence Against Central Americans at U.S./Mexico Border**

**U.S./Mexico Border - Sunday, November 25, 2018** – “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The images of children, women and individuals choking in tear and pepper gas are terribly painful. The overt show of state-sponsored violence and use of intimidation is a new low for the U.S. government and one that is ultimately financed by tax payer’s money.

200 years after U.S. military boots landed in Central America, we continue to endure the overt and intentional dehumanization and monetization of our people. 30+ years after more than one million refugees from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua were forced to flee U.S. financed and armed military dictatorships, there is still no justice, or peace. The unfortunate truth is that, to date U.S. interventions and U.S. tax dollars in the region continue to yield extreme poverty, violence, injustice, lack of democracy and U.S. sanctioned corruption. Not justice, nor peace.

We demand a halt to further U.S. militarization at the U.S./Mexico border, in the region and the Mesoamerican migration corridor. We demand a stop to the practice of monetizing humans through private contracts, ankle monitors and immigrant detention centers. We demand the right to seek asylum, to due process and justice, and most importantly we demand the protection of those forced to flee their nations.

We call on our allies and people in the United States to take action by calling your local representatives (<https://tinyurl.com/y9xgqgkg>) and express their outrage about the use of U.S. tax dollars to finance human rights violations, and repress peaceful migrants to deter them from accessing that which the current legal system already affords them — the right to ask for protection, to seek asylum.

On our end, The Central American Resource Center – CARECEN San Francisco will continue to respond to the rights, needs and aspirations of our people to thrive, to live in peace and dignity, both in our countries of origin, and in the U.S.

We will continue to shine light on the root causes of forced displacement and human mobility in Central America. We are migrants, we make this country great, we have rights, and we will continue to defend them until our people, all people are afforded that which is theirs – the right to be protected solely on the basis of our humanity.

CARECEN SF will join local faith leaders, and allies to meet with our Federal representatives this week, and members of our Immigration Legal Program will be traveling to the border (hosted by Pueblo Sin Fronteras) to assist with legal consultations in early December of this year.

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