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Community Statement Denouncing Anti-Immigrant Hate

Local leaders release joint statement calling for dignity and safety

Evansville, IN – On behalf of the signatories listed below, United Way of Southwestern Indiana today released the following statement denouncing anti-immigrant hate:

In recent weeks, a surge of harmful rhetoric against the Haitian immigrant community has swept across national media. Here in Evansville, this hostility has escalated to alarming levels, with online threats targeting charitable organizations that support our immigrant communities. Even more troubling, leaders of our local Haitian community have been subjected to violence.

Evansville's motto is "*E is for Everyone.*" We are committed to upholding this value, not just in words but in action. Many of us have immigrant roots within a few generations, and our community is profoundly enriched by the presence of our immigrant neighbors. Their art, food, culture, talents, and diverse perspectives add vibrancy and depth to our shared life.

We stand united in condemning all threats and acts of violence against our immigrant friends and neighbors. We are resolute in fostering a community where every individual's dignity is upheld. Protecting the dignity and safety of our immigrant residents is not just a moral imperative; it is a shared responsibility that belongs to every person in Evansville.

We invite you to take a stand and join us in denouncing hate and violence in any form. Together, we can ensure that Evansville remains a place where "everyone" truly means everyone.

United in Purpose,

United Way of Southwestern Indiana
Community Foundation Alliance
Dr. David B. Smith, Superintendent, EVSC
Stephanie Terry, Mayor, City of Evansville
Ben Trockman, City Council Member, Ward 1
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Alex Burton, City Council Member, Ward 4
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Jim Brinkmeyer, City Council Member, Ward 6
Mary Allen, City Council Member, At-Large
Paul Green, City Council Member, At-Large
Courtney Johnson, City Council Member, At-Large

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United Way envisions communities where all individuals and families have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The nonprofit organization serves at the center of a network of partners and programs who are working to improve the upward mobility of low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families in Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Spencer Counties. To learn more about United Way's work, visit unitedwayswi.org.