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## Statement by Executive Director Tim Paulson on “A Day without Immigrants” Action

We are advising our union members that we are not organizing “A Day without Immigrants” and that participation is a risk they have to decide whether or not to take. We also serve as intermediaries between employees and employers for anyone who does choose to participate.

We are living in a climate that is extremely hostile to immigrant workers and though we are not asking that “A Day without Immigrants” be a mandatory union event, we are also not setting ourselves up as opponents of workers’ rights to express justifiable frustration with the state of the hateful policies that are emerging in the country.

We also hope our employers choose to set themselves up in a way that is respectful of workers’ right to free expression.

Some sacrifices are worth making. We have fought for every morsel and crumb that we have on our tables. Now it’s up to every worker – union or not – to decide if their place at the job site is worth fighting for.

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