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Women's March speech

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Hi everyone, and thank you for being here.

My name is Yisel Pomier, I am the Advocacy and Community Engagement Coordinator at the Latin American Coalition. The Coalition is a non - profit organization that promotes full and equal participation of all people in the civic, economic and cultural life of North Carolina through education, celebration and advocacy. We believe that through empowerment, educating the public, and civic engagement, we will have a better society.

As you all know, the Hispanic - Latino community has been having a rough time since the beginning of 2017. We see on a daily basis how our community is being affected. Family separation, children dropping out of school to find a job that helps to pay the rent, women suffering sexual harassment because some boss, wrongly thinks that people without a legal status do not have the right to complained. This is the reality of our community now. However, our organization like many others is helping them as much as we can.

The time to make a change is now:

Say NO to the 287g program, that separates families.

Support DACA youth

Support TPS

Please support the immigrant community!!!!

I would like to quote the German pastor Martin Niemöller:

***First, they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist.***

***Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.***

***Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.***

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me.

Please look around and see that we are part of the same world. Take the time to learn about other cultures, identities, religions before you judge someone. Please, raise your voice to protect others. Do not allow anyone to treat another human being without respect.

Because you would never know when, they are going to come for you, and have no one there to speak for you.

El siguiente mensaje va para mi comunidad. Es importante pedir a nuestros vecinos que abran sus puertas y nos dejen entrar, pero También es vital que nosotros abramos nuestros corazones y los dejemos entrar a ellos. Seamos el cambio que queremos. El verdadero cambio empieza con cada uno de nosotros.

Muchas gracias

Thank you