

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ARIZONA'S SENATE BILL 1070

WHEREAS, the Arizona legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 1070 as an effort to selectively enforce immigration laws and penalize undocumented immigrants.

WHEREAS, the law is vague and will lead to racial profiling of immigrants and citizens because of the color of their skin, manner of speech, race and ethnic origin;

WHEREAS, legislation like SB 1070 and other repressive anti-immigrant laws affect our work as social and legal services providers;

- WHEREAS, anti-immigrant laws hinder undocumented immigrants' access to basic human services including health care, public benefits, housing, legal services and transportation;
- WHEREAS, people of color, racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately criminalized in the United States;
- WHEREAS, the American labor movement favors organizing all workers, regardless of their immigration status;
- WHEREAS, immigration status has consistently been used by employers as a way to break up labor solidarity and destroy organizing drives;
- WHEREAS, the provisions of this act have the intent and impact to systematically undermine the self-determination, autonomy and economic opportunity of majority minority peoples present in the United States.

Be it resolved that: The National Organization of Legal Services Workers, Local 2320, UAW opposes SB 1070 because it undermines the ability of our members to equitably provide legal and social services to clients. Our union shall provide resources and support to organize our members to engage in activities seeking to repeal SB 1070 and oppose the adoption of similar legislation in other states. In addition, NOLSW shall encourage members to attend pro-immigrant rallies, participate in educational forums, and to organize all workers.

Be it further resolved that: This Resolution be forwarded to the UAW International Union, to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State and to appropriate members of Congress.”