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**TRAIL OF DREAMS**

Joe Arpaio, Sheriff  
Maricopa County, AZ  
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Dear Sheriff Joe Arpaio,

We would like to formally request a meeting to meet with you on Monday June 1, 2010 in your office. We are the Trail of DREAMs, a group of four immigrant students who recently walked for four months, over 1,500 miles, from Miami, FL to Washington, D.C. to educate people about our struggles as immigrant youths and to call for real solutions to fix the immigration system. We are now in Phoenix, AZ and would like to discuss the enforcement measures in your county, particularly the 287(g) program.

In nearly every community we visited throughout our journey, we heard the same sad stories: hard working immigrants being deported, families being separated, and increasing despair over inaction by those with the power to make change. While our walk has ended, our struggle continues. We are now in Phoenix standing with thousands of others, immigrants and non-immigrants, who are calling for the repeal of the hateful new law SB 1070. We also come to show support for the proud immigrants of the Phoenix area, many of whom live in constant fear of harassment by members of your Sheriff's Department.

We want to share our stories so that you understand what it's like for the millions of immigrants in this country who are unable to fully participate in society due to our broken immigration system. We want to help you see the fear and destruction 287(g) policies spread. We look forward to meeting you and please, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach us at [dreamers@trail2010.org](mailto:dreamers@trail2010.org) or via phone at 786.273.9748. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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