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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Bryanna Calvillo, and I am a resident of Pima County. I am contacting you today with regard to the impacts of the Reconciliation Package (HR 1) on our newest refugee neighbors. At a time when we should be focused on how to best integrate the newest members of our community, we are instead focused on how to ensure their survival given dramatic changes to critical lifeline services.

Refugees in Arizona are resilient- rebuilding their lives and strengthening our communities as they start small businesses, address food scarcity by starting community gardens, and help to meet critical workforce needs in healthcare and other sectors. The limited and temporary services that they receive upon arrival are a lifeline to stabilization and a safe and humane integration process.

I write today to ask that Pima County support the positive impact of refugees on our local communities and invest in programs that will ensure economic stability and prosperity for our entire community. I urge you to support:

- Emergency funding for community food banks to address immediate needs
- Emergency funding for refugee support programs that deliver trusted guidance, basic needs assistance and accredited legal services: Refugee serving organizations are a trusted source of information, basic needs coordination, and also are DOJ accredited to deliver immigration legal services but require support for rapid scaling and capacity building to meet the moment.
- Pima County to work with AZDES on English language, workforce, and volunteer programs and AZDOT on state IDs/driver's license renewal to remove unnecessary barriers and streamline processes as outlined in the Addendum Agenda

I am a supporter of Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, who helps lawful permanent residents apply for U.S. citizenship through affordable naturalization services. They also offer free English and Citizenship/Civics classes in partnership with Pima Community College for those who qualify. Their goal is to guide and support individuals on their path to becoming proud United States citizens.

The people are core to the success of Arizona's economy, and the state thrives when we invest in the residents of our state. Please take action to ensure that refugees are supported as valuable long-term members and contributors of our Pima County community.

Sincerely,

Bryanna Calvillo
Project Coordinator



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November 3, 2025

Dear Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Dr. Paola Casillas, and I am a family medicine physician practicing in Pima County. In my clinic, I have the privilege of caring for many refugee families who have resettled here after fleeing war, persecution, and displacement. Every day, I see how their health and recovery are shaped not only by access to medical care, but also by the social determinants of health—especially food security, stable housing, and adequate income.

I am deeply concerned about the impact of H.R.1 on SNAP eligibility for my refugee patients. Many of these families arrive with little financial stability, limited English proficiency, and face barriers to employment and transportation. Most of my refugee patients work full-time in low-wage jobs and rely on SNAP benefits to provide food for their families. The upcoming termination of SNAP eligibility for refugees will have devastating consequences—forcing families to choose between food, rent, and healthcare.

I urge the Board to take action to protect food security and community health by:

- Providing emergency funding to local food banks and refugee-serving organizations to meet immediate needs.
- Supporting refugee and immigrant service organizations that offer trusted assistance with benefit navigation, legal support, and employment access.

Ensuring stable access to food is essential for health. I ask that you make food security and health equity a priority in upcoming policy and budget decisions.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the wellbeing of all our residents.

Sincerely,
Paola Casillas, MD
Family Medicine Physician

Rosy Millan

From: Joe Martin [REDACTED]
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November 3, 2025

Dear members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Joseph Martin, and I reside in Pima County. I am writing to you today to ask you to support emergency funding for our refugee neighbors in need in Pima County. Starting November 1st refugee families will struggle to put food on their tables due to the HR1 SNAP cuts, which removed refugees from eligibility for SNAP — creating a total loss of food assistance for newly arrived refugees.

I write today to ask that Pima County support the positive impact of refugees on our local communities, and invest in programs that will ensure economic stability for our entire community. I urge you to support:

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- Pima County to work with AZDES on English language, workforce and volunteer programs and AZDOT on state IDs/driver's license renewal to remove unnecessary barriers and streamline processes.

I care about helping everyone in our community, because I love Jesus and Jesus loves the poor, the refugees, the orphans, and everyone who's either forgotten about or treated as a political pawn. My religious convictions insist that we must do what we can to help the vulnerable. And right now, refugees are some of the most vulnerable people in Pima County.

The people are core to the success of Arizona's economy and the state thrives when we invest in the residents of our state. All of the residents. Please take action to ensure that refugees are supported as valuable long-term members and contributors of our Pima County community.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Rosy Millan

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Kevin Groman, and I see first hand the challenges refugees face and also see first hand the great work that IRC does in Pima County. I'm deeply concerned that changes in HR 1 will cut off SNAP benefits for refugee families without green cards starting November 1. These families are working hard to rebuild their lives and contribute to our community, but they can't do it without basic support, which helps them reach self sufficiency.

Please act to:

- A. Provide emergency food assistance
- B. Support refugee service organizations
- C. Work with state agencies to remove barriers to jobs

Refugees strengthen Pima County. Let's make sure they have the chance to thrive.

Best regards,

Kevin Groman

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