Border Walls

President Trump is threatening to shut down the federal government if funding is not approved for more walls along our southern border. But walls do not deter migration; they lead to death.

The 2,000 mile U.S./Mexican border has 300 miles of walls plus another 300 miles of vehicle barriers. The walls have been built across valleys, forcing migrants to walk for 5-10 days through remote and harsh regions. This policy, known as “Prevention Through Deterrence,” has led to over 7,000 deaths on the U.S. side of the border over the last 25 years, plus thousands of disappearances.

“Prevention Through Deterrence” is a failure: people attempt to migrate for reasons that are far more powerful than the possibility of dying on the journey. Instead of building walls, our country should address the reasons people migrate: family separation, gang violence, lack of democracy, climate change, and lack of economic opportunity.

Please contact your elected representatives in Washington DC (202-224-3121). Tell them that when we draw the line at the border, everyone loses.

*BorderLinks* was founded 30 years ago as the educational arm of the Sanctuary Movement and provides indepth experiential education about migration justice issues to groups from houses of worship and schools from around the country. BorderLinks is located in Tucson, Arizona. Visit our webpage for more information: www.borderlinks.org.