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The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

## Dear Speaker Johnson,

On behalf of **Fuerza Migrante**, a transnational coalition of Mexican organizations based in the United States, we write to respectfully but firmly express our strong opposition to the proposed 5% excise tax on remittances currently under consideration in the House of Representatives. As a binational alliance of migrant leaders, civil society organizations, and institutions committed to the dignity, rights, and advancement of Mexican migrants and their families in the United States, we view this proposal as unjust, disproportionate, and fundamentally misaligned with the principles of economic fairness and social responsibility.

This measure would impose an unjust burden on millions of immigrant workers and families who contribute significantly to the U.S. economy and society. Remittances are not discretionary luxuries; they are a critical support system that sustains food security, health, education, and housing for millions of families abroad—particularly in communities that face systemic poverty and limited opportunity.

Mexican and broader Latino immigrant communities form an essential part of the cultural, economic, and social fabric of this country. Their labor supports key sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure, and healthcare, while their children—many born and raised in the United States—are emerging as leaders, professionals, and engaged citizens. Taxing their hard-earned money is not only economically counterproductive; it is ethically indefensible.

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Furthermore, this policy would strain U.S. relations with our closest hemispheric neighbors. Remittance flows are vital to the stability and development of countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Disrupting them could deepen hardship and inequality abroad, which in turn would fuel greater migration pressures—undermining the very goals of border security and orderly migration management.

Fuerza Migrante stands firmly for policies that strengthen families, promote shared prosperity, and uphold the values of fairness and inclusion. We urge you to reject this discriminatory and short-sighted proposal, and instead advance legislation that recognizes and supports the invaluable contributions of immigrant communities to this nation.

We remain ready to collaborate with lawmakers and institutions across the political spectrum to build a more just, secure, and inclusive future for all.

Sincerely,

Dr. H.C Jaime Lucero President | Founder Fuerza Migrante