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New Harsh Anti-Immigrant Measures Effective September 14th Will Jeopardize Millions of Immigrant Workers



Saru Jayaraman is an organizer and attorney for immigrant workers over the last ten years and a graduate of Yale Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. In 1992 she founded Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (W.Y.S.E.), a national non-profit organization dedicated to providing young women of color with the resources, information and support necessary to think critically and take leadership in their communities for change. As Attorney at the Workplace Project, a Latina/o immigrant worker organizing center, she created The Alliance for Justice, a program that organized custodial, factory, and restaurant workers to fight for workplace justice. Most recently, together with workers from Windows on the World, the restaurant at the top of the World Trade Center, she founded the Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York (ROC-NY), an immigrant workers' center focused on immigrant restaurant workers all over New York City, particularly those displaced from the World Trade Center, and the families of restaurant worker victims of 9/11. Among other things, ROC-NY has helped workers to win workplace justice campaigns and launch their own cooperatively-owned restaurant. Saru is now co-founding a national restaurant workers' organization. A new assistant professor of political science at Brooklyn College, Saru taught previously at Queens College, New York University, and Cornell University. She published *The New Urban Immigrant Workforce* (ME Sharpe, 2005) with Brooklyn College Political Science Professor Manny Ness.

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