

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Congratulations to you and the other UW unions for your demand that the university declare sanctuary status and protect undocumented students, along with Muslim students and staff, from hate attacks and threats of deportation.

In this moment in our nation's history, unions must provide the critical leadership that all working people and students need in fighting back against Trump and against the racism, xenophobia, and misogyny that he and his billionaire friends are promoting. In making this public demand, you are upholding the highest values of our labor movement. You are giving substance to the labor slogan, "An injury to one is an injury to all!"

My office stands ready to support you in any way you need. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I also encourage you to send a representative to our next Resist Trump coalition meeting, which is planning events on and around inauguration day. The next meeting of the Resist Trump coalition meeting is Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 @ 6 p.m. in my office at City Hall. I hope to see you there!

In solidarity,

Kshama Sawant
Seattle City Councilmember