

HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT

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CLINICA ROMERO CEO CARLOS VAQUERANO RESPONDS TO ANOTHER GROUP OF IMMIGRANTS SENT TO LOS ANGELES BY TEXAS GOVERNOR GREG **ABBOTT**

Clínica Romero Welcomes All Who Need Medical Care

(Los Angeles, CA)—"Today, we saw the cruelty of Texas Governor Greg Abbott yet again as he sent another bus of immigrants to Los Angeles. Clínica Romero opens its arms and welcomes all who need medical care. We are fully prepared to meet the needs of the newly arrived immigrants. And we strongly condemn this cruel and anti-immigrant movement that makes the most vulnerable among us political scapegoats.

Clínica Romero was founded in 1983 by a handful of Salvadoran refugees who, like me, had fled the brutal civil war in El Salvador. Rather than focusing on their own lives and in the face of adversity, they used their skills and talents to address their most pressing needs. We are a testament to immigrants' important contributions to the United States. We now serve more than 18,000 people, thanks to the visionaries who founded our clinic.

Clínica Romero stands shoulder to shoulder with all immigrants and speaks out on their behalf at this critical moment. We will care for and treat all immigrants who need us, regardless of their legal status. We will not shy away from doing what is morally right for the least of our brothers and sisters. We will continue to speak up when we see injustice, wherever that injustice comes from.

We call on all humanitarian and faith-based organizations to remain vigilant and to accompany migrants on their journey."

About Clínica Romero: Clínica Romero, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), was established in 1983 in Los Angeles County to improve the availability, accessibility, and coordination of primary and preventive healthcare for recent Salvadoran immigrant families that did not have medical coverage. Today, it proudly serves the greater Latino community and others. Named after Monseñor Oscar A. Romero, the former archbishop of El Salvador, who championed the poor and spoke out against social injustice, Clínica Romero continues his legacy of love, compassion, and respect. Health care is a human right.