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Good morning, my name is Petra Cardoso and I want to bring into awareness an issue that occurred on the 28th of February which involved La Raza Community Resource Center manipulating the private phone numbers of volunteers to intimidate and discourage us from attending a civil protest against the injustices that workers have experienced at the hands of the current Administration. I have been a volunteer at La Raza Community Resource Center for about three months working at the food pantry to provide families with weekly bags of nutritious food. Because of that, I had given my private information including my personal phone number with the purpose of receiving announcements regarding this work I volunteer for. However on the 28th of February, I received a surprising phone call at 8:32 pm. The person who called me introduced herself as Carla Garcia, a member of the Board of La Raza. In this call, she demanded that I not attend the protest that was scheduled for the following day because according to her, if the city found out about the protest, they would take away their funds thus this organization would be unable to provide resources like the one I volunteer for. Moreover, in an abrupt manner, she asked if that was what I wanted because according to her, that was going to happen if I attended one of these protests. Later, she explained that this call was not a threat but I personally felt intimidated and nervous to attend the protest the following day. Lastly, when I questioned how she received my number, which was supposed to be private and used solely for work as a volunteer, she explained that because she was a member of the Board, she had access to my private information. Not only was this call a form of intimidation by providing false information but also an invasion of my and other volunteers' private information, which is why I have reached out to

inform you all about this. Thank you for your time.