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STATEMENT OF MAYOR LIZ LEMPERT AND PRINCETON COUNCIL
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Recent executive actions on immigration issues are cruel, counterproductive, and contrary to the values we hold dear in Princeton. Indeed, we have been heartened by the overwhelming outpouring of compassion from our fellow Princeton residents, and want to reaffirm that we are a welcoming community that recognizes and celebrates the diversity that makes our town such a special place. We are proud that one of our sister cities, Colmar, France is the birthplace of Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the sculptor of the Statue of Liberty, a beacon of hope welcoming immigrants to the United States for more than a century.

Everyone – from schoolchildren to seniors -- has a role to play in ensuring Princeton remains a welcoming place for all. Now more than ever, simple acts of everyday kindness can help to bind our community closer together at a time when outside forces threaten to divide us.

We will continue our efforts to make Princeton a safe community for all who live, work, and study here, and welcome the engagement of our neighbors and community partners. If you have concerns, questions, or are looking for resources to help you, your family, or someone you know, or want to help with efforts to build a more inclusive community, you can contact the Princeton Human Services Department at 609-688-2055. The office is located at 1 Monument Drive, Princeton, NJ.

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