

February 10, 2026

Dear Members of Congress,

As Congress negotiates any funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), it must establish meaningful oversight to ensure community safety and accountability for the harmful and abusive immigration enforcement actions taking place across the country. Legislation must have consequences for immigration enforcement officers who violate the law and protections for individuals who are victims of those violations. Without meaningful guardrails that end the violence, Congress must not vote to continue the status quo.

One meaningful way to protect communities is to codify guidance on immigration enforcement near so-called “sensitive locations.” This commonsense, historically bipartisan, and widely-supported policy would limit immigration enforcement in sensitive locations like schools, child care facilities, health care and public health facilities, and places of worship, among other critical locations for individual and community wellbeing. Congress can incorporate the protections included in the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act (H.R.1061/ S.455) into DHS spending legislation. It is not the only solution that must be included to protect our communities, but an important one that will help promote stability and safety.

Limiting immigration enforcement in and near sensitive locations provides children and families, regardless of immigration status, with a greater sense of security in the places they access every day.

The sensitive locations policy allows:

- Educators, caregivers, health care and public health workers, faith leaders, and other providers the ability to focus on their important work, instead of having to prepare for disruptive and traumatizing immigration enforcement actions in the spaces that represent key pillars of community life.
- Children to go to child care and school without worrying that they, their friends, or their parents will be targeted in the places they learn because of the way they look or their accents.
- Parents to go to work and not have to worry about their children’s child care providers being targeted or schools going into lock down because of nearby ICE activity.
- Patients to go to the hospital, doctor’s office, or seek other health services without fear that they may be profiled and separated from their family.
- Families to have the freedom to worship without fear.

For over three decades, through Republican and Democratic administrations, the federal government recognized the importance of community safety and wellbeing in limiting immigration enforcement in certain locations. The decision from the Trump Administration to rescind the long-standing policy has created chaos for all of our communities. As a result, children, families, providers, and entire communities have been assaulted and harassed by immigration enforcement agents in previously sensitive locations.

The administration's reckless and indiscriminate immigration enforcement has resulted in an increasing number of incidents in sensitive locations. In just the first few weeks of this year, the Trump administration has continued to disregard longstanding protections for sensitive locations. Schools in cities across the country have gone [into lockdown](#) because of the presence of immigration enforcement officers, with the [trauma extending beyond children](#) in immigrant families to all children in these communities. There are reports daily of ICE and CBP presence in sensitive locations. For example, they detained a family, including [seven-year-old](#) Diana Crespo Gonzalez, outside a hospital where the family had gone to get emergency care for the child. And they intimidated community members [outside of a church](#), and ultimately deported a church worker.

These actions are harmful to immigrant children and families, but also to our entire communities, our economy, our workforce, and our collective health and wellbeing, and the harm will not stop until Congress takes action to ensure these locations are safe again. We appreciate the many Members of Congress who have already identified this as a priority in these funding negotiations. We urge you to incorporate the protections included in the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act which is endorsed by over [800 national, state, and local organizations](#) and [supported by the general public](#).

This is a moment to make meaningful change to protect children and families. We urge you to stand strong with all of our communities who are looking to their members of Congress to protect their rights and ability to live in peace and thrive.

Sincerely,

### **National Organizations**

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
Acacia Center for Justice  
Advocates for Youth  
Afghans For A Better Tomorrow  
AFT  
Alianza Americas  
Alliance for Democracy  
Alliance of Baptists  
Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools  
Allies for Independence  
American Academy of HIV Medicine  
American Association of People with Disabilities  
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)  
American Immigration Council  
American Public Health Association  
Amnesty International USA  
AP-OD

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC  
Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE)  
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence  
ASISTA Immigration Assistance  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations  
Association of Children's Residential & Community Services (ACRC)  
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP)  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network  
A Way Home America  
Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
Caring Across Generations  
Catholic Health Association of the US  
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies  
Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law  
Center for Reproductive Rights  
Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP)  
Center for Victims of Torture  
Center on Faith and Justice  
Child Care for Every Family Network  
Children's Defense Fund  
Children's HealthWatch  
Children's Rights  
Child Welfare League of America  
CHLP  
Church World Service  
Climate Refugees  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Committee to Protect Public Mental Health  
Community Catalyst  
Contigo Wellness  
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
CSH  
Defend Public Health  
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund  
Diverse Elders Coalition  
Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)  
Doctors for America  
Drug Policy Alliance

Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
FaithWorks  
Families USA  
Family Centered Treatment Foundation  
Family Values@Work Action  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)  
For Our Health  
Franciscan Action Network  
FreedomRoad.us  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Frontera Federation  
Funders Together for Housing Justice  
Futures Without Violence  
Global Exchange  
Global Health Justice Partnership of the Yale Public Health and Law Schools  
Global Refugee  
Gray's Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp  
Guttmacher Institute  
Haitian Bridge Alliance  
HealthBegins  
Health GAP  
HealthHIV  
Health in Partnership  
Health Justice  
Healthy Schools Campaign  
HIAS  
Hindus for Human Rights  
Hindus for Human Rights Action  
HIV Medicine Association  
Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional Health (H.O.M.E.)  
Ibis Reproductive Health  
Immigration Equality Action Fund  
Indivisible  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Interfaith Alliance  
International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)  
Internationals Network for Public Schools, Inc.  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
Justice in Aging  
Justice in Motion  
Kids Can't Wait

Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Legal Action Center  
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger  
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.  
Metropolitan Group  
MomsRising  
MPower Change Action Fund  
Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration  
NASTAD  
National Abortion Federation  
National AgFamilies Head Start Association  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Association for Family Child Care  
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)  
National Association of Counsel for Children  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC)  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Black Harm Reduction Network (NBHRN)  
National Center for Youth Law  
National Center on Adoption and Permanency  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans  
National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians  
National Council of Churches USA  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Education Association  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Health Law Program  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice  
National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence  
National LGBTQ Task Force  
National Low income Housing Coalition  
National Network for Youth  
National Network To End Domestic Violence  
National Newcomer Network

National Organization for Women  
National Parents Union  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National WIC Association  
National Women's Law Center  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies  
OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates  
PACEs Connection  
Parents for Public Schools Inc  
People's Action Institute  
People's Health Movement–USA  
Physicians for Human Rights  
Physicians for Reproductive Health  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Poder Latinx  
Population Connection Action Fund  
Positive Women's Network-USA  
PrEP4All  
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration  
Prevent Child Abuse America  
Prevention Institute  
Protect Our Care  
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)  
READ 4 ALL  
Reconstructing Judaism  
Refugee Advocacy Lab  
Refugee Congress  
Refugee Council USA  
Reproductive Freedom for All  
Save HIV Funding  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
South Asian American Justice Collaborative  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)  
Southern Border Communities Coalition  
Start Early  
Stop AAPI Hate  
Stop TB USA

The Advocates for Human Rights  
The AIDS Institute  
The Children's Partnership  
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health  
The National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)  
The Sikh Coalition  
The Southern Poverty Law Center  
The Workers Circle  
Treatment Action Group  
UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health  
UnidosUS  
Union for Reform Judaism  
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee  
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice  
United Church of Christ  
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)  
United Parent Leaders Action Network  
United Spinal Association  
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)  
ValorUS® (VALOR)  
Venezuelan American Caucus  
Vera Institute of Justice  
Welcoming America  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom US  
Women's Refugee Commission  
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights  
Young People in Recovery YPR  
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### **Local, State, and Regional Organizations**

Activate MO, *Missouri*  
Advocates for Family Justice, *Florida*  
Afghan Support Network, *Oregon*  
AFT Washington  
AIDS Foundation Chicago, *Illinois*  
Alliance for a Better Community, *California*  
Alliance for Children's Rights, *California*  
Allies for Every Child, *California*  
APLA Health, *California*  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW), *Massachusetts*  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)  
Asian Americans for Community Involvement, *California*

Asian Counseling and Referral Service, *California*  
Asian Pacific Islanders Civic Action Network, *Massachusetts*  
Asian Women's Shelter, *California*  
Ayuda, *D.C., Maryland, Virginia*  
Bell Policy Center, *Colorado*  
Beyond Survival, *Washington*  
Borderlands Resource Initiative, *Arizona*  
Border Network for Human Rights, *Texas*  
Border Vigil, *Texas*  
Boston Higashi School, Inc., *Massachusetts*  
Boston Teachers Union, *Massachusetts*  
CA Alliance of Child and Family Services, *California*  
California Child Care Resource & Referral Network  
California Newcomer Network  
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
California School-Based Health Alliance (CSHA)  
Californians Together  
Catalyst, *California*  
CATESOL (California Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages)  
Center for Community Solutions, *California*  
Center for Health Progress, *Colorado*  
Central American Resource Center of Northern CA -CARECEN SF, *California*  
Children at Risk, *Texas*  
Children's Defense Fund - New York  
Children's Defense Fund-Texas  
Children's Institute, *Oregon*  
Chinese Progressive Association, Boston, *Massachusetts*  
CHIRLA, *California*  
Christ Child House, Detroit, MI  
Church Council of Greater Seattle, *Washington*  
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, *California*  
Colorado Center on Law and Policy  
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless  
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative  
Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition  
Colorado Fiscal Institute  
Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy & Research Organization (CLLARO)  
Colorado Organizations and Individuals Responding to HIV/AIDS (CORA)  
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition  
Community Beyond Violence, *California*  
Community EsTr(El/La), *Georgia*



Community Health Partnership, *California*  
Community Labor United Inc., *Massachusetts*  
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, *California*  
Comunidades Unidas, *Utah*  
Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families  
Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT), *Colorado*  
Defend Public Health--Wisconsin  
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, *California*  
Early Edge California  
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, *California*  
El Centro de la Raza, *Washington*  
Empire State Campaign for Child Care, *New York*  
Enlace Chicago, *Illinois*  
Episcopal Diocese of New York  
Equality California  
Family Violence Appellate Project, *California*  
Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project, *Arizona*  
Florida Coalition for Thriving Public Schools  
Florida Immigrant Coalition  
Florida Policy Institute  
Food Justice DMV  
Freedom Scholars Learning Center, Inc., *New York*  
For All Family Oregon  
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Graham Windham, *New York*  
GROW Initiative GA, *Georgia*  
Haven Services, *California*  
Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights  
Hawai'i Literacy  
Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!  
Head Start WEST  
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, *Illinois*  
Her Justice, *New York*  
Hispanic Services Council, Inc., *Florida*  
Hope Border Institute, *Texas*  
House of Ruth, *California*  
Housing Action Illinois  
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative, *Texas*  
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, *California*  
Idaho Head Start Association  
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Illinois Head Start Association  
Illinois Public Health Association

Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef), *California*  
IMIrJ, *Oregon*  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Indivisible Upper Cape, *Massachusetts*  
Iowa Citizen Action Network  
Ipas US  
Jane Doe Inc., *Massachusetts*  
Johnson County Public Health, *Iowa*  
Kino Border Initiative, *Arizona*  
Latino Community Fund Georgia (LCF Georgia)  
Latino Policy Forum, *Illinois*  
Lassen Family Services, *California*  
La Union del Pueblo Entero, *Texas*  
Legal Council for Health Justice, *Illinois*  
Legal Key Partnership for Health and Justice, *Rhode Island & Massachusetts*  
Lillies Foundation For Change, *Georgia*  
Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants  
Lumina Alliance, *California*  
Maine Equal Justice  
Mass 50501, *Massachusetts*  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
Massachusetts Public Health Alliance  
Medicaid Matters New York  
Medical Organization for Latino Advancement  
Mental Health Colorado  
Merrimack Valley Project, *Massachusetts*  
Michigan League for Public Policy  
Michigan's Children  
MindShiftEd Parent Institute, *Texas*  
Minnesota Head Start Association Inc  
Monarch Services, *California*  
Montana Public Health Association  
Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice, *California*  
National Association of Social Workers - Louisiana Chapter  
National Association of Social Workers - Oklahoma Chapter  
National Association of Social Workers - Texas Chapter  
NC AIDS Action Network  
New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta, *Georgia*  
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)  
New York State Public Health Association  
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, *California*

NM Comunidades en Accion Y de Fe (NM CAFE), *New Mexico*  
Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA), *Washington*  
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, *Washington*  
Nutrition First, Washington State's WIC Association  
Ohio Head Start Association  
Ohio Interfaith Collective  
OneAmerica, *Washington*  
Oregon Child Care Providers Together Local 132  
Padres en Liderazgo Organization, *Nevada*  
Parent Advocates for Transformation and Healing, *Florida*  
Parent Voices California  
Pennsylvania Head Start Association  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Iowa Chapter  
Physicians for Social Responsibility, San Francisco Bay, *California*  
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), *Oregon*  
ProgressNow Colorado Education  
Promise Arizona  
READ 4 NJ, *New Jersey*  
ROC Pennsylvania  
Rural & Migrant Ministry, *New York*  
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition, *Virginia*  
Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments Inc., *California*  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy, *New York*  
Self-Advocates of Michigan  
Seven Hills Foundation  
Silver State Equality, *Nevada*  
Skagit Legal Aid, *Washington*  
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center  
Southeast Community Research Center, *Georgia*  
Strategies for Children, *Massachusetts*  
Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc., *California*  
Survivor Justice Center, *California*  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
Texas Council on Family Violence  
The Foundation for the Austin Sanctuary Network, *Texas*  
The Guatemalan-Maya Center, Inc., *Florida*  
The Legal Aid Society (NYC)  
The Legal Clinic, *Hawaii*  
The Midwest Human Rights Consortium, *Illinois*  
The Nepenthe Health And Wealth Cooperative, LLC, *Maryland*  
The Person Center, *Washington, D.C.*  
The Pride Center at Equality Park, *Florida*  
The Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.

Turning The Corner, *Rhode Island*

UFCW 3000, *Washington, Idaho, Oregon*  
United Domestic Workers (UDW)/AFSCME Local 3930, *California*  
Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID), *Massachusetts*  
Vivent Health, *Colorado*  
Vista Rise Collective, *California*  
Voices for Utah Children  
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center, *California*  
Washington Head Start  
WEAVE INC, *California*  
Wild Iris Family Counseling & Crisis Center, *California*  
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center, *New Jersey*  
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Wisconsin Head Start Association  
Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, *California*  
Women's Lobby of Colorado  
Yaya Por Vida, *Florida*  
Youth Healthcare Alliance, *Colorado*