

Massachusetts Safe Communities Act

SD.1596 and HD.3052

The Safe Communities Act would protect the civil rights of all state residents by making sure our tax dollars are not used to help the Trump administration deport immigrant families or to create a Muslim registry.

Summary

- **No state support for Muslim registry.** Prohibits access to information in state databases for use in any federal registry program based on national origin, religion or other protected characteristics.
- **Ensures Basic Due Process Rights** for people detained in state and local facilities for civil immigration violations. Requires informing detainees that they have the right to decline an interview with ICE agents, and to have their own attorney present (at their own expense) if they so choose.
- **Use police resources to fight crime, not separate families.** Ensures that state, local and campus police don't participate in immigration enforcement activities, including inquiries, investigations, raids, arrests or detentions that are based solely on immigration status.
- **Prohibits agreements with DHS that deputize local officers as immigration agents,** including county officers in Bristol and Plymouth sheriff's departments.

Please ask your state senator AND your state representative to cosponsor this bill before the Feb 3rd deadline!

Twenty or 30 years from now, history will judge how we treated immigrants and Muslims, and we need our legislators to stand up for our Massachusetts values. You can find your legislators [here](#). Sample call script below. Sample email script [linked here](#).

*Good morning/afternoon. My name is _____. I'm a constituent of Senator/Representative [name] and I live in _____. I'm calling to ask Senator/Representative [name] to **cosponsor the Safe Communities Act**, sponsored by **Senator Jamie Eldridge (SD.1596)** and **Representative Juana Matías (HD.3052)**. This bill would protect the civil rights of all state residents by making sure our tax dollars are not used to help the Trump administration deport immigrants and create a Muslim registry.*

Massachusetts leadership has always helped shape the nation's consciousness on civil rights. Today, we need to see that kind of courage from our state legislators on behalf of immigrants and Muslims in our communities.

Can I count on the [Senator / Representative]'s support? [Be sure to give Docket Numbers of bills: SD.1596 and HD.3052]