

Support the Safe Communities Act

[S.1681](#) (Sens. Eldridge and Miranda), [H.2580](#) (Reps. Cruz and Sousa)

Because civil immigration enforcement is not our job.

The new federal administration will use every tool available to deport members of our immigrant communities, including our police and courts. This misuse of public safety resources drives a wedge between immigrant communities and the public institutions that protect and serve them. That's why the Safe Communities Act has earned the support of police chiefs and district attorneys across the state.

It's time to end the voluntary involvement of our public safety officials in civil immigration matters. The Safe Communities Act would:

Prohibit questioning by court and police officials about immigration status.

Enables immigrant workers, domestic violence survivors, tenants, and others to report exploitation, abuse and other crimes to public safety authorities without fear of immigration consequences.

Protect basic rights, just like a "Miranda" warning.

Requires our police, court and correctional personnel to obtain written, informed consent before any ICE interview of someone in their custody, to ensure that immigrants know their right to decline such interviews or to have their own attorney present. Without these safeguards, people often jeopardize their immigration cases – even signing their own deportation orders.

Protect access to justice in our courts.

Current practice encourages ICE to detain people before they have their day in court, denying justice to victims and defendants alike. The SCA prohibits police, court, and correctional officials from initiating contact with ICE about a person's pending release from custody, except at the end of a sentence of incarceration. **It does not otherwise restrict communications with ICE, in conformity with federal law.**

Prohibit agreements that deputize local officials as federal immigration agents, at state taxpayers' expense.

287(g) contracts with ICE damage the relationship between immigrant communities and law enforcement. And they are expensive. Barnstable, Bristol, and Plymouth county sheriffs have declined to continue these contracts, leaving the MA Department of Corrections as the sole outlier. Nationally, only 5 state DOCs have 287(g) contracts. The other four are Alaska, Arizona, Florida, and Georgia.

California, Connecticut, Illinois, New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington State have all enacted laws that keep local law enforcement focused on public safety, not civil immigration enforcement.

It's time Massachusetts joined them.



To join our campaign, contact organizing@miracoalition.org.
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

MASSACHUSETTS SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION

STATEWIDE ENDORSING ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of Massachusetts
Act on Massachusetts
American Academy of Pediatrics – MA Chapter
American College of Physicians – MA Chapter
American Friends Service Committee – New England
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. New England Chapter
American Jewish Committee – New England
Amnesty International USA, Boston Field Office
Anti-Defamation League (ADL) New England
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
Association of Haitian Pastors of New England
Better Future Project & 350 Massachusetts
Committee for Public Counsel Services
Council on American-Islamic Relations – MA
Digital Fourth
EMPath
Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Massachusetts
Health Care for All
Health Law Advocates, Inc.
Indivisible Massachusetts
International Institute of New England
Jane Doe, Inc.
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)
Jewish Family & Children's Service
Jewish Voice for Peace Boston
Justice Resource Institute
Latinos Unidos de Massachusetts
Lawyers for Civil Rights
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Action for Justice
MA Educators of English Language Learners (MATSOL)
MA Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
Massachusetts Asian American Commission
Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Massachusetts Bar Association
Massachusetts Business Immigration Coalition
Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education
Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women
Massachusetts Communities Action Network
Massachusetts High School Democrats
Massachusetts Jobs with Justice
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
Massachusetts Medical Society
Massachusetts Public Health Association
Massachusetts Teachers Association
Massachusetts Voter Table
Mass 50501
MGH Executive Committee on Community Health
Muslim Justice League
National Association of Social Workers – MA
National Organization for Women (NOW) MA
New England Justice for Our Neighbors
Northeast Organic Farming Association – MA
Oxfam America
Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts
ProGente Connections
Progressive Massachusetts
Project Citizenship
Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts
Reproductive Equity Now
Rian Immigrant Center
SEIU 1199
SEIU 32BJ
SEIU State Council
The African Council (TAC)
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts
Young Democrats of Massachusetts

REGIONAL/LOCAL ENDORSING ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of MA Immigrant Protection Project of Western MA
Acton Democratic Town Committee
Agencia ALPHA
Alliance for Immigration Justice
Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project
Association of Haitian Women in Boston
Belchertown Voices for Justice
Berkshire Interfaith Organizing
Black and Pink
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
Boston City Council (Resolution Passed)

Boston Democratic Socialists of America
Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN)
Boston Missionary Baptist Community Center, Inc. (BMBCC)
Boston Teachers Union/Unafraid Educators
Boston Worker's Circle
Brazilian Women's Group
Brazilian Worker Center
Bristol County for Correctional Justice
Brockton Interfaith Community
Brockton Workers Alliance
Brookline for Racial Justice and Equity
Business Innovation Center

Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc.
 Cambridge United for Justice with Peace
 Cape Ann Local Action
 Cape Cod Coalition for Safe Communities
 Cape Cod Women for Change
 Cape Women's Coalition
 Casa Myrna Vazquez
 Chelsea Collaborative
 Central West Justice Center
 Clinicians for Healthy Families
 Coalition for a Better Acre
 Coalition for Social Justice
 Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador
 Committee of Refugees from El Salvador
 Community Action Agency of Somerville
 Community Economic Development Center of SE MA
 Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA)
 De Novo
 Democratic State Committee
 Diocese Saint Francis of Assisi CCA
 Dominican Development Center
 Dorchester People for Peace
 East Boston Neighborhood Health Center
 Easthampton Community Coalition
 English for New Bostonians
 Enroot
 Episcopal City Mission
 Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
 Essex County Community Organization (ECCO)
 Falmouth Jewish Congregation
 First Literacy
 Franciscan Order of Saint Joseph Cupertino
 FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard Univ.
 Gloucester Coalition for the Prevention of Domestic Abuse
 Greater Andover Indivisible
 Greater Boston Interfaith Organization
 Greater Boston PFLAG
 Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
 Groundwork Lawrence
 Haitian-Americans United, Inc.
 Haitian Community Partners Foundation
 HarborCOV
 Harvard Graduate Students' Union
 Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program
 Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC)
 Health & Law Immigrant Solidarity Network
 Health Imperatives
 Immigrant and Refugee Health Program at BMC
 Immigrant Integration Lab at BC School of Social Work
 Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health
 Immigrants' Assistance Center
 Immigration Pastoral Center, Inc.
 Indivisible Acton Area
 Interfaith Justice Cmte-Fed Church and Am HaYam Havurah
 Ipswich Trust Act
 Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston
 Jewish Vocational Service
 JP Progressives Immigrant Rights Action Group
 Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts
 La Comunidad, Inc.
 Lawrence CommunityWorks

Lower Cape Indivisible Steering Team
 Lynn Community Health Center
 Lynn United for Change
 Lynn Worker Center
 MAPA Translations, Inc.
 Maynard Welcomes You
 Merrimack Valley Project
 MGH Chelsea HealthCare Center
 MGH Revere HealthCare Center
 Minuteman Indivisible
 Mt. Toby Meeting of Friends (Quakers)
 Mystic Valley Indivisible
 Nauset Interfaith Association
 Needham Task Force on Immigration
 Neponset Valley Progressives
 Network for Social Justice
 New Hope, Inc.
 Newton Democratic City Committee
 Northampton Friends Meeting
 Northeastern Univ. School of Law – Student Bar Association
 Old Cambridge Baptist Church
 Our Revolution Cambridge
 Our Revolution Cape Cod Affiliate (ORCCA)
 Our Revolution Somerville
 Paulist Center Immigration Advocacy Group
 Phillips Brooks House Association at Harvard
 Pioneer Valley Project
 Point Neighborhood Association
 Political Asylum & Immig. Representation Project (PAIR)
 Prgm. on Human Rts. in the Global Economy, NEU Law
 Progressive Needham
 Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale
 Racial Justice Team, North Parish of N. Andover UU
 REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
 Revere Immigrant Solidarity Network
 Roca, Inc.
 Rosie's Place
 Roslindale is for Everyone (RISE)
 Saheli, Support and Friendship for So. Asian Women & Families
 Salem No Place for Hate Committee
 September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrow
 Showing Up for Racial Justice – North Central Massachusetts
 Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston
 Sneakers Laced Up South Shore
 Social and Racial Justice at St. Cecilia's Parish
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Fall River Diocesan and the
 Attleboro District Councils
 Solidarity Lowell
 Somerville City Council (Resolution Passed)
 South Shore Action
 St. Stephen's Youth Programs
 Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice (SCIJ)
 Temple Aliya Social Action
 Temple Beth Shalom Tzedek Committee
 Temple Sinai Social Justice Comte / Sharon Interfaith Action
 The Real Cost of Prisons Project
 The Resistance Center for Peace and Justice
 The Right to Immigration Institute
 The Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven
 The Welcome Project
 Three Rivers Affinity Group(TRAG)

UFCW Local 1445

United American Indians of New England (UAINE)

United Interfaith Action of Southeastern MA

WATCH CDC

Watertown Citizens for Peace

Westport Friends Meeting Quakers

Women Encouraging Empowerment (WEE)

Worcester Interfaith

Young Cape Verdean Club, Inc.

YWCA Cambridge

YWCA Central Massachusetts