

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 287(g) collaboration agreements that make local law enforcement a tool of ICE.

287(g) agreements with ICE **empower local police and sheriffs to stop, identify, and transfer immigrants to ICE for deportation**, making them an effective arm of ICE. The linchpin of Trump's mass deportation agenda, these voluntary agreements have exploded nationwide from 135 in January to over 1,000 in September, 2025. Our sheriffs in Barnstable, Bristol, and Plymouth counties have declined to continue their prior agreements, but **new federal funding enticements leave our police and sheriffs vulnerable to federal pressure**. Here, only the MA Department of Corrections maintains its 287(g) agreement with ICE.

California, Connecticut, Delaware, 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	Massachusetts Bar Association
Act on Massachusetts	Massachusetts Business Immigration Coalition
American Academy of Pediatrics – MA Chapter	Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education
American College of Physicians – MA Chapter	Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women
American Friends Service Committee – New England	Massachusetts Communities Action Network
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. New England Chapter	Massachusetts High School Democrats
American Jewish Committee – New England	Massachusetts Jobs with Justice
Amnesty International USA, Boston Field Office	Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Anti-Defamation League (ADL) New England	Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence	Massachusetts Medical Society
Association of Haitian Pastors of New England	Massachusetts Public Health Association
Better Future Project & 350 Massachusetts	Massachusetts Teachers Association
Committee for Public Counsel Services	Massachusetts Voter Table
Council on American-Islamic Relations – MA	Mass 50501
Digital Fourth	MGH Executive Committee on Community Health
EMPath	Muslim Justice League
Equity Now & Beyond	National Association of Social Workers – MA
Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Massachusetts	National Organization for Women (NOW) MA
Health Care for All	New England Justice for Our Neighbors
Health Law Advocates, Inc.	Northeast Organic Farming Association – MA
Indivisible Massachusetts	Oxfam America
International Institute of New England	Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts
Jane Doe, Inc.	ProGente Connections
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action (JALSA)	Progressive Massachusetts
Jewish Family & Children’s Service	Project Citizenship
Jewish Voice for Peace Boston	Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts
Justice Resource Institute	Reproductive Equity Now
Latinos Unidos de Massachusetts	Rian Immigrant Center
Lawyers for Civil Rights	SEIU 1199
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts	SEIU 32BJ
Massachusetts Action for Justice	SEIU State Council
MA Educators of English Language Learners (MATSOL)	The African Council (TAC)
MA Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)	Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	Women’s Bar Association of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Asian American Commission	Young Democrats of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	

REGIONAL/LOCAL ENDORSING ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU of MA Immigrant Protection Project of Western MA	Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
Acton Democratic Town Committee	Boston City Council (Resolution Passed)
Agencia ALPHA	Boston Democratic Socialists of America
Alliance for Immigration Justice	Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN)
Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project	Boston Missionary Baptist Community Center, Inc. (BMBCC)
Association of Haitian Women in Boston	Boston Teachers Union/Unafraid Educators
Belchertown Voices for Justice	Boston Worker’s Circle
Berkshire Interfaith Organizing	Brazilian Women’s Group
Black and Pink	Brazilian Worker Center
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center	Bristol County for Correctional Justice

Brockton Interfaith Community	Ipswich Trust Act
Brockton Workers Alliance	Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston
Brookline for Racial Justice and Equity	Jewish Vocational Service
Brookline Town Council (Resolution Passed)	JP Progressives Immigrant Rights Action Group
Business Innovation Center	Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts
Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc.	La Comunidad, Inc.
Cambridge United for Justice with Peace	Lawrence CommunityWorks
Cape Ann Local Action	Lower Cape Indivisible Steering Team
Cape Cod Coalition for Safe Communities	Lynn Community Health Center
Cape Cod Women for Change	Lynn United for Change
Cape Women's Coalition	Lynn Worker Center
Casa Myrna Vazquez	MAPA Translations, Inc.
Chelsea Collaborative	Maynard Welcomes You
Central West Justice Center	Merrimack Valley Project
Citizens for Juvenile Justice	MGH Chelsea HealthCare Center
Clinicians for Healthy Families	MGH Revere HealthCare Center
Coalition for a Better Acre	Minuteman Indivisible
Coalition for Social Justice	Mt. Toby Meeting of Friends (Quakers)
Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador	Mystic Valley Indivisible
Committee of Refugees from El Salvador	Nauset Interfaith Association
Community Action Agency of Somerville	Needham Task Force on Immigration
Community Economic Development Center of SE MA	Neponset Valley Progressives
Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA)	Network for Social Justice
De Novo	New Hope, Inc.
Democratic State Committee	Newton Democratic City Committee
Diocese Saint Francis of Assisi CCA	Northampton Friends Meeting
Dominican Development Center	Northeastern Univ. School of Law – Student Bar Association
Dorchester People for Peace	Old Cambridge Baptist Church
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center	Our Revolution Cambridge
Easthampton Community Coalition	Our Revolution Cape Cod Affiliate (ORCCA)
English for New Bostonians	Our Revolution Somerville
Enroot	Paulist Center Immigration Advocacy Group
Episcopal City Mission	Phillips Brooks House Association at Harvard
Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts	Pioneer Valley Project
Essex County Community Organization (ECCO)	Point Neighborhood Association
Falmouth Jewish Congregation	Political Asylum & Immig. Representation Project (PAIR)
First Literacy	Prgm. on Human Rts. in the Global Economy, NEU Law
Franciscan Order of Saint Joseph Cupertino	Progressive Needham
FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard Univ.	Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale
Gloucester Coalition for the Prevention of Domestic Abuse	Racial Justice Team, North Parish of N. Andover UU
Greater Andover Indivisible	REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Inc.
Greater Boston Interfaith Organization	Revere Immigrant Solidarity Network
Greater Boston PFLAG	Roca, Inc.
Greater Lawrence Community Action Council	Rosie's Place
Groundwork Lawrence	Roslindale is for Everyone (RISE)
Haitian-Americans United, Inc.	Saheli, Support and Friendship for So. Asian Women & Families
Haitian Community Partners Foundation	Salem No Place for Hate Committee
HarborCOV	September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrow
Harvard Graduate Students' Union	Showing Up for Racial Justice – North Central Massachusetts
Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program	Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston
Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC)	Sneakers Laced Up South Shore
Health & Law Immigrant Solidarity Network	Social and Racial Justice at St. Cecilia's Parish
Health Imperatives	Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Fall River Diocesan and the
Immigrant and Refugee Health Program at BMC	Attleboro District Councils
Immigrant Integration Lab at BC School of Social Work	Solidarity Lowell
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health	Somerville City Council (Resolution Passed)
Immigrants' Assistance Center	South Shore Action
Immigration Pastoral Center, Inc.	St. Stephen's Youth Programs
Indivisible Acton Area	Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice (SCIJ)
Indivisible Easthampton	Temple Aliya Social Action
Interfaith Justice Cmte-Fed Church and Am HaYam Havurah	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