

In Trump's America, doing nothing is not an option.

PROTECT IMMIGRANTS NOW!

**We CAN pass key Safe Communities protections this year
See reverse to learn how to join our campaign!**

These 3 provisions have broad public support and would give critical protections to *all* immigrants, regardless of status. **All 3 fully comply with federal law.** Now more than ever, we need to send a strong message that in Massachusetts, government serves and protects *everyone*.

1. NO POLICE INQUIRIES ABOUT IMMIGRATION STATUS



We can bar law enforcement from asking about a person's immigration status unless required by law – the Mass. State Police already have a similar policy.

- The current climate makes immigrants vulnerable to exploitation and crime – domestic violence, wage theft, housing code violations, and other offenses go unreported because of fears that contact with police will lead to deportation and separation from family members, especially children.

2. STOP COLLABORATING WITH ICE

We can prohibit contracts with ICE – like 287(g) – that deputize law enforcement as federal immigration agents, at state and local taxpayers' expense.

- A cornerstone of Trump's expansive deportation project, these costly agreements co-opt public safety resources for immigration enforcement and undermine community confidence in law enforcement.



3. PROVIDE BASIC DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS



When ICE wants to interview someone in police custody, we can require police to inform that person of their right to decline an ICE interview or to have their own attorney present.

- Noncitizens are often unaware that they have these rights. "Miranda" warnings are not constitutionally required to be given for civil immigration violations.
- Our jails are a major entry point into the deportation pipeline. Without these protections, people charged with minor offenses lose the right to challenge their deportation.

The FY2019 state budget offers a prime opportunity to pass key Safe Communities provisions – but it will only happen if we mobilize!

The original Safe Communities Act is unlikely to advance this session, but many laws –including the REAL ID legislation implemented this spring – have actually been passed through the budget process, not as standalone bills.

The House budget has already been approved, but the Senate budget, which will be debated the week of May 21, is our best chance to adopt key provisions THIS YEAR. Our Senate allies are preparing budget amendments to do it – but they need us to show there's widespread, enthusiastic public support.

Starting May 14, we need you to call your Senator. We need you to ask your friends and family to call their Senators. We need you to join a phone bank – or even better, host your own. **This has to be big to succeed.**



**We can't stop ICE from breaking up immigrant families in our state.
But we don't have to help them do it.**

Here's what you can do:

- **Go to bit.ly/SAFEMA18 or text SAFEMA to 52886** to join our campaign! We'll send you text and/or email alerts with call scripts & details starting May 14. Please share with friends and family, too – we need LOTS of people on board!
- **Join an ACLU phone bank:** They'll be working out of the ACLU office in Boston on May 17, 22 and 23. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/SCAphone>.
- **Set up your own phone bank:** If you have 5+ people, the ACLU will set you up. Contact Olivia Santoro, osantoro@aclum.org or 617-482-3170.

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