

**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 four provisions would send a powerful message that in Massachusetts, law enforcement serves and protects *everyone* – no matter where they were born. **All four enjoy broad public support and fully comply with federal law.** Tell your Senator to support budget amendment **#1147** today!

### **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 COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS 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 trust 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.**

Our jails are a major entry point into the deportation pipeline, as ICE agents often question people while they are in custody. "Miranda" warnings are not required in civil matters, so many immigrants mistakenly assume that they have to answer whatever questions they're asked.

### **4. REFUSE TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY DISCRIMINATORY REGISTRY**

**Mass. should never make anyone register or check in based on their religion, national origin, race, ethnicity, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation or age – or contribute to any program that does this.**

The Trump administration has already showed it's willing to discriminate aggressively against Muslims. We want to make it clear that in our Commonwealth, we adamantly refuse to collaborate with such efforts.

## 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 protect immigrant families THIS YEAR. Sen. Jamie Eldridge’s **amendment #1147** would advance four key provisions – but he needs us to show there’s widespread, enthusiastic public support.

**We need you to call your Senator and Senate leadership**, and ask friends and family to do the same. 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/SCA-MA](http://bit.ly/SCA-MA) or text SAFEMA to 52886** to join our campaign! We'll give you call and email scripts and patch you through directly to Senators. 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](mailto:osantoro@aclum.org) or 617-482-3170.

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