



Organizational Letter of Support for New York for All ([S2235/A3506](#))

Dear New York State Legislators:

We are a network of advocacy organizations, direct service providers, grassroots organizers, faith-based groups, directly impacted community members, families, and more that have come together to combat xenophobia and racism and to support immigrant New Yorkers regardless of how long they've lived in the state. Many of us have immigrant backgrounds or come from mixed-status families.

We urge you to do everything you can to pass New York for All this legislative session.

With President Donald Trump carrying out his promises to tear families apart and carry out a cruel and inhumane federal deportation agenda, it is more crucial now than ever for New York state legislators to stand up and protect ALL New Yorkers. The threats posed to immigrant New Yorkers by this administration are unprecedented in their extremism and scale, and it is imperative that New York not be complicit in Trump's mass deportation agenda.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol target, demonize, and demoralize immigrants and separate families – and they too often lean on local law enforcement to do so. Many immigrant New Yorkers live in constant fear that any interaction with local, state, or municipal entities—whether it's a traffic stop, attending school, or visiting a public hospital for care—could lead to detention and separation from their families. [We have seen this happen](#) to our community members throughout New York State.

When local agencies work with ICE, it not only fosters unconstitutional racial profiling but also misuses local tax dollars and resources to further an agenda that stokes fear and division. The mandate for local government is to serve local communities. Conspiring with ICE erodes community trust in law enforcement, and discourages immigrants and people with immigrants in their families from reaching out in an emergency. It is simply not the job of our state and local law enforcement officers, teachers, and public servants to enforce immigration law, and going out of their way to do so only serves to destabilize our communities and make us all less safe.

The New York for All Act is part of the solution.

If passed, New York for All would prohibit all local law enforcement and state agencies from conspiring with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol or participating in its cruelty.



This common-sense legislation protects immigrant New Yorkers' rights and enhances public safety for everyone by ensuring state and local government employees across New York, including law enforcement officers, do not divert local resources to enable immigration enforcement. The New York for All Act would prohibit state and local officers and employees from:

- enforcing civil immigration law themselves,
- sharing sensitive information with ICE or CBP,
- allowing ICE or CBP to access public facilities without a judicial warrant,
- entering into 287(g) agreements to deputize officers to work on behalf of ICE,
- inquiring about a person's immigration status, nationality, or country of origin,
- using ICE or CBP as interpreters, and
- allowing people in custody to be interviewed by ICE without notice of their rights.

Additionally, state agencies and local law enforcement agencies would also be required to record and report on their interactions with ICE and make annual reports public.

It's time for New York to stand up for its most vulnerable communities.

All New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, want to lead open lives, participate in their communities, provide for their family, and access health care without intimidation.

It's time to pass New York for All.