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Dear Members of Congress,

As Congress negotiates any funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), it must establish meaningful oversight to ensure community safety and accountability for the harmful and abusive immigration enforcement actions taking place across the country. Legislation must have consequences for immigration enforcement officers who violate the law and protections for individuals who are victims of those violations. Without meaningful guardrails that end the violence, Congress must not vote to continue the status quo.

One meaningful way to protect communities is to codify guidance on immigration enforcement near so-called “sensitive locations.” This commonsense, historically bipartisan, and widely-supported policy would limit immigration enforcement in sensitive locations like schools, child care facilities, health care and public health facilities, and places of worship, among other critical locations for individual and community wellbeing. Congress can incorporate the protections included in the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act (H.R.1061/ S.455) into DHS spending legislation. It is not the only solution that must be included to protect our communities, but an important one that will help promote stability and safety.

Limiting immigration enforcement in and near sensitive locations provides children and families, regardless of immigration status, with a greater sense of security in the places they access every day.

The sensitive locations policy allows:

- Educators, caregivers, health care and public health workers, faith leaders, and other providers the ability to focus on their important work, instead of having to prepare for disruptive and traumatizing immigration enforcement actions in the spaces that represent key pillars of community life.
- Children to go to child care and school without worrying that they, their friends, or their parents will be targeted in the places they learn because of the way they look or their accents.
- Parents to go to work and not have to worry about their children’s child care providers being targeted or schools going into lock down because of nearby ICE activity.
- Patients to go to the hospital, doctor’s office, or seek other health services without fear that they may be profiled and separated from their family.
- Families to have the freedom to worship without fear.

For over three decades, through Republican and Democratic administrations, the federal government recognized the importance of community safety and wellbeing in limiting immigration enforcement in certain locations. The decision from the Trump Administration to rescind the long-standing policy has created chaos for all of our communities. As a result, children, families, providers, and entire communities have been assaulted and harassed by immigration enforcement agents in previously sensitive locations.

The administration's reckless and indiscriminate immigration enforcement has resulted in an increasing number of incidents in sensitive locations. In just the first few weeks of this year, the Trump administration has continued to disregard longstanding protections for sensitive locations. Schools in cities across the country have gone [into lockdown](#) because of the presence of immigration enforcement officers, with the [trauma extending beyond children](#) in immigrant families to all children in these communities. There are reports daily of ICE and CBP presence in sensitive locations. For example, they detained a family, including [seven-year-old](#) Diana Crespo Gonzalez, outside a hospital where the family had gone to get emergency care for the child. And they intimidated community members [outside of a church](#), and ultimately deported a church worker.

These actions are harmful to immigrant children and families, but also to our entire communities, our economy, our workforce, and our collective health and wellbeing, and the harm will not stop until Congress takes action to ensure these locations are safe again. We appreciate the many Members of Congress who have already identified this as a priority in these funding negotiations. We urge you to incorporate the protections included in the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act which is endorsed by over [800 national, state, and local organizations](#) and [supported by the general public](#).

This is a moment to make meaningful change to protect children and families. We urge you to stand strong with all of our communities who are looking to their members of Congress to protect their rights and ability to live in peace and thrive.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Acacia Center for Justice
Advocates for Youth
Afghans For A Better Tomorrow
AFT
Alianza Americas
Alliance for Democracy
Alliance of Baptists
Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools
Allies for Independence
American Academy of HIV Medicine
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
American Immigration Council
American Public Health Association
Amnesty International USA
AP-OD

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE)
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
ASISTA Immigration Assistance
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Association of Children's Residential & Community Services (ACRC)
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP)
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network
A Way Home America
Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action
Caring Across Generations
Catholic Health Association of the US
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies
Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law
Center for Reproductive Rights
Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP)
Center for Victims of Torture
Center on Faith and Justice
Child Care for Every Family Network
Children's Defense Fund
Children's HealthWatch
Children's Rights
Child Welfare League of America
CHLP
Church World Service
Climate Refugees
Coalition on Human Needs
Committee to Protect Public Mental Health
Community Catalyst
Contigo Wellness
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Council on American-Islamic Relations
CSH
Defend Public Health
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Diverse Elders Coalition
Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)
Doctors for America
Drug Policy Alliance

Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
FaithWorks
Families USA
Family Centered Treatment Foundation
Family Values@Work Action
First Focus Campaign for Children
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
For Our Health
Franciscan Action Network
FreedomRoad.us
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Frontera Federation
Funders Together for Housing Justice
Futures Without Violence
Global Exchange
Global Health Justice Partnership of the Yale Public Health and Law Schools
Global Refugee
Gray's Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp
Guttmacher Institute
Haitian Bridge Alliance
HealthBegins
Health GAP
HealthHIV
Health in Partnership
Health Justice
Healthy Schools Campaign
HIAS
Hindus for Human Rights
Hindus for Human Rights Action
HIV Medicine Association
Humanitarian Outreach for Migrant Emotional Health (H.O.M.E.)
Ibis Reproductive Health
Immigration Equality Action Fund
Indivisible
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Interfaith Alliance
International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
Internationals Network for Public Schools, Inc.
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish Council for Public Affairs
Justice in Aging
Justice in Motion
Kids Can't Wait

Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
Leadership Conference of Women Religious
League of Women Voters of the United States
Legal Action Center
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.
Metropolitan Group
MomsRising
MPower Change Action Fund
Multifaith Initiative to End Mass Incarceration
NASTAD
National Abortion Federation
National AgFamilies Head Start Association
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Association for Family Child Care
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC)
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Social Workers
National Black Harm Reduction Network (NBHRN)
National Center for Youth Law
National Center on Adoption and Permanency
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans
National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians
National Council of Churches USA
National Council of Jewish Women
National Education Association
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Health Law Program
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence
National LGBTQ Task Force
National Low income Housing Coalition
National Network for Youth
National Network To End Domestic Violence
National Newcomer Network

National Organization for Women
National Parents Union
National Partnership for Women & Families
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies
OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates
PACEs Connection
Parents for Public Schools Inc
People's Action Institute
People's Health Movement–USA
Physicians for Human Rights
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Poder Latinx
Population Connection Action Fund
Positive Women's Network-USA
PrEP4All
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Prevent Child Abuse America
Prevention Institute
Protect Our Care
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
READ 4 ALL
Reconstructing Judaism
Refugee Advocacy Lab
Refugee Congress
Refugee Council USA
Reproductive Freedom for All
Save HIV Funding
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF)
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Public Health Education
Society of Behavioral Medicine
South Asian American Justice Collaborative
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Southern Border Communities Coalition
Start Early
Stop AAPI Hate
Stop TB USA

The Advocates for Human Rights
The AIDS Institute
The Children's Partnership
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
The National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)
The Sikh Coalition
The Southern Poverty Law Center
The Workers Circle
Treatment Action Group
UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health
UnidosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
United Parent Leaders Action Network
United Spinal Association
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
ValorUS® (VALOR)
Venezuelan American Caucus
Vera Institute of Justice
Welcoming America
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom US
Women's Refugee Commission
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Young People in Recovery YPR
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Local, State, and Regional Organizations

Activate MO, *Missouri*
Advocates for Family Justice, *Florida*
Afghan Support Network, *Oregon*
AFT Washington
AIDS Foundation Chicago, *Illinois*
Alliance for a Better Community, *California*
Alliance for Children's Rights, *California*
Allies for Every Child, *California*
APLA Health, *California*
Arizona Public Health Association
Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW), *Massachusetts*
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)
Asian Americans for Community Involvement, *California*

Asian Counseling and Referral Service, *California*
Asian Pacific Islanders Civic Action Network, *Massachusetts*
Asian Women's Shelter, *California*
Ayuda, *D.C., Maryland, Virginia*
Bell Policy Center, *Colorado*
Beyond Survival, *Washington*
Borderlands Resource Initiative, *Arizona*
Border Network for Human Rights, *Texas*
Border Vigil, *Texas*
Boston Higashi School, Inc., *Massachusetts*
Boston Teachers Union, *Massachusetts*
CA Alliance of Child and Family Services, *California*
California Child Care Resource & Referral Network
California Newcomer Network
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
California School-Based Health Alliance (CSHA)
Californians Together
Catalyst, *California*
CATESOL (California Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages)
Center for Community Solutions, *California*
Center for Health Progress, *Colorado*
Central American Resource Center of Northern CA -CARECEN SF, *California*
Children at Risk, *Texas*
Children's Defense Fund - New York
Children's Defense Fund-Texas
Children's Institute, *Oregon*
Chinese Progressive Association, Boston, *Massachusetts*
CHIRLA, *California*
Christ Child House, Detroit, MI
Church Council of Greater Seattle, *Washington*
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, *California*
Colorado Center on Law and Policy
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition
Colorado Fiscal Institute
Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy & Research Organization (CLLARO)
Colorado Organizations and Individuals Responding to HIV/AIDS (CORA)
Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)
Colorado Public Health Association
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition
Community Beyond Violence, *California*
Community EsTr(El/La), *Georgia*

Community Health Partnership, *California*
Community Labor United Inc., *Massachusetts*
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, *California*
Comunidades Unidas, *Utah*
Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families
Counties & Commissioners Acting Together (CCAT), *Colorado*
Defend Public Health--Wisconsin
Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, *California*
Early Edge California
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, *California*
El Centro de la Raza, *Washington*
Empire State Campaign for Child Care, *New York*
Enlace Chicago, *Illinois*
Episcopal Diocese of New York
Equality California
Family Violence Appellate Project, *California*
Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project, *Arizona*
Florida Coalition for Thriving Public Schools
Florida Immigrant Coalition
Florida Policy Institute
Food Justice DMV
Freedom Scholars Learning Center, Inc., *New York*
For All Family Oregon
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Graham Windham, *New York*
GROW Initiative GA, *Georgia*
Haven Services, *California*
Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Hawai'i Literacy
Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!
Head Start WEST
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, *Illinois*
Her Justice, *New York*
Hispanic Services Council, Inc., *Florida*
Hope Border Institute, *Texas*
House of Ruth, *California*
Housing Action Illinois
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative, *Texas*
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, *California*
Idaho Head Start Association
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Head Start Association
Illinois Public Health Association

Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef), *California*
IMIrJ, *Oregon*
Indiana Public Health Association
Indivisible Upper Cape, *Massachusetts*
Iowa Citizen Action Network
Ipas US
Jane Doe Inc., *Massachusetts*
Johnson County Public Health, *Iowa*
Kino Border Initiative, *Arizona*
Latino Community Fund Georgia (LCF Georgia)
Latino Policy Forum, *Illinois*
Lassen Family Services, *California*
La Union del Pueblo Entero, *Texas*
Legal Council for Health Justice, *Illinois*
Legal Key Partnership for Health and Justice, *Rhode Island & Massachusetts*
Lillies Foundation For Change, *Georgia*
Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants
Lumina Alliance, *California*
Maine Equal Justice
Mass 50501, *Massachusetts*
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Massachusetts Public Health Alliance
Medicaid Matters New York
Medical Organization for Latino Advancement
Mental Health Colorado
Merrimack Valley Project, *Massachusetts*
Michigan League for Public Policy
Michigan's Children
MindShiftEd Parent Institute, *Texas*
Minnesota Head Start Association Inc
Monarch Services, *California*
Montana Public Health Association
Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice, *California*
National Association of Social Workers - Louisiana Chapter
National Association of Social Workers - Oklahoma Chapter
National Association of Social Workers - Texas Chapter
NC AIDS Action Network
New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta, *Georgia*
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New Mexico Public Health Association
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
New York State Public Health Association
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, *California*

NM Comunidades en Accion Y de Fe (NM CAFE), *New Mexico*
Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA), *Washington*
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, *Washington*
Nutrition First, Washington State's WIC Association
Ohio Head Start Association
Ohio Interfaith Collective
OneAmerica, *Washington*
Oregon Child Care Providers Together Local 132
Padres en Liderazgo Organization, *Nevada*
Parent Advocates for Transformation and Healing, *Florida*
Parent Voices California
Pennsylvania Head Start Association
Physicians for Social Responsibility Iowa Chapter
Physicians for Social Responsibility, San Francisco Bay, *California*
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), *Oregon*
ProgressNow Colorado Education
Promise Arizona
READ 4 NJ, *New Jersey*
ROC Pennsylvania
Rural & Migrant Ministry, *New York*
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition, *Virginia*
Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments Inc., *California*
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy, *New York*
Self-Advocates of Michigan
Seven Hills Foundation
Silver State Equality, *Nevada*
Skagit Legal Aid, *Washington*
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Southeast Community Research Center, *Georgia*
Strategies for Children, *Massachusetts*
Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc., *California*
Survivor Justice Center, *California*
Tennessee Public Health Association
Texas Council on Family Violence
The Foundation for the Austin Sanctuary Network, *Texas*
The Guatemalan-Maya Center, Inc., *Florida*
The Legal Aid Society (NYC)
The Legal Clinic, *Hawaii*
The Midwest Human Rights Consortium, *Illinois*
The Nepenthe Health And Wealth Cooperative, LLC, *Maryland*
The Person Center, *Washington, D.C.*
The Pride Center at Equality Park, *Florida*
The Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.

Turning The Corner, *Rhode Island*

UFCW 3000, *Washington, Idaho, Oregon*
United Domestic Workers (UDW)/AFSCME Local 3930, *California*
Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID), *Massachusetts*
Vivent Health, *Colorado*
Vista Rise Collective, *California*
Voices for Utah Children
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center, *California*
Washington Head Start
WEAVE INC, *California*
Wild Iris Family Counseling & Crisis Center, *California*
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center, *New Jersey*
Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Wisconsin Head Start Association
Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, *California*
Women's Lobby of Colorado
Yaya Por Vida, *Florida*
Youth Healthcare Alliance, *Colorado*