

February 20, 2025

Dear Members of Congress,

The undersigned organizations, representing immigrant, anti-poverty, children's, health care, labor, civil rights, environmental, and many other areas of advocacy write in opposition to H.R. 32, the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act. This bill could deny states and localities across the country billions of dollars in federal funding for critical services that protect the health and safety of all residents. It would impose new penalties on state and city governments, forcing them to choose between abandoning policies that protect their constituents or losing funding for a vast array of essential programs.

This bill would block the distribution of federal funds to a potentially large number of cities and states that have elected to limit local officials' role in federal immigration enforcement, though it is not clear how this law would be implemented. While undocumented immigrants are ineligible for the major federal public benefit programs, states and localities receive funding for essential services that benefit all residents. This bill is written so broadly that it could cut off significant sources of funding for states and localities and undermine every resident's access to critical services, potentially including:

- Department of Education grants, National School Lunch Program funding, and other forms of federal support for schools, which are not allowed to refuse enrollment by undocumented students.
- Emergency Medicaid, which provides states with funding for emergency care for people ineligible for Medicaid due to their immigration status. In the case of public hospitals run by a city or county, all federal funding for uncompensated care, such as Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments, could be at risk.
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Emergency Food Assistance Program and other nutrition programs that support food banks and other community partners that do not restrict help by immigration status.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency grants for non-monetary in-kind assistance, which are not restricted by immigration status.
- Department of Transportation grants used for the benefits of communities, such as providing free public transit services that might be used by undocumented immigrants.
- Violence Against Women Act grants, such as those supporting services for victims of domestic violence that do not turn away people based on their immigration status.

States and local governments often choose to [limit their role](#) in immigration enforcement in order to meet critical goals and priorities of their residents. Limiting entanglement with federal

immigration enforcement conserves local resources and avoids a deterioration of trust in public institutions, like public schools, that results from local law enforcement working with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Such collaboration is associated with housing instability, chronic student absenteeism, low birth weight, negative child well-being outcomes, and decreased use of preventive and prenatal care for immigrant communities and their children. Further, many jurisdictions wish to limit deportations given the negative impacts on family stability, child well-being, and trust of authorities. Research demonstrates that protective policies offer the benefit of enhanced community trust in public institutions, including hospitals and health centers, without causing any increase in crime. H.R. 32 would arbitrarily deprive funding for states, localities, and their residents simply for undertaking reasonable policy measures that aim to enhance public safety and community well-being.

We urge you to reject this extreme legislation and any other attempts to infringe on the rights of cities and states to support their immigrant communities.

Sincerely,

National Immigration Law Center
Center for Law and Social Policy
#HALTsolitary Campaign
#WelcomeWithDignity
32BJ Service Employees International Union
805UndocuFund
AAPI Equity Alliance
ACA Consumer Advocacy
ACCESS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
Adelante Student Voices
Adhikaar for Human Rights and Social Justice
Advocating Opportunity
African Communities Together
African Services Committee
AFT
AHL Foundation
Ahri Center
AIDS Foundation Chicago
AIDS United
Al Otro Lado
Alianza Nacional Trabajadoras del Hogar
All4Ed
Alliance for a Better Community
Allies for Immigration Justice San Luis Obispo County

American Civil Liberties Union
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
American Immigration Council
American Public Health Association
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Amica Center for Immigrant Rights (formerly CAIR Coalition)
ANAR
APLA Health
Apreill
Arab American Family Support Center
Arab-American Community Center for Economic and Social Services
(ACCESS) of WNY
Arkansas United
Arnold F Fege
Ascend Justice
Asian American / Asian Research Institute (AAARI) of the City University of
New York (CUNY)
Asian American Federation
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)
Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders of New Jersey (AAPI NJ)
Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian Counseling and Referral Service
Asian Law Alliance
Asian Pacific American Public Affairs
ASISTA Immigration Assistance
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
Association of Children's Residential and Community Services (ACRC)
Association of Legal Advocates and Attorneys - UAW Local 2325
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
At E.A.S.E. (Efficiently Administered Strategic Excellence) Services LLC
Austin Region Justice for Our Neighbors
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Ayuda
Battered Womens Legal Advocacy Project DBA Standpoint
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Bend the Arc CA: Jewish Action
Bend the Arc Jewish Action: South Jersey
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action - Maryland
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Pittsburgh
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Riverdale
Bend the Arc: Long Island
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Champaign-Urbana
BEND THE ARC: Jewish Action, Long Island, NY
Bernard Glos
Beyond Hunger
Beyond Legal Aid
Black Alliance for Just Immigration
Borderlands Resource Initiative
Bridges Faith Initiative
Brightpoint
Buen Vecino
Buffalo String Works
C.A.C.E (Chicago Alliance for Collaborative Effort)
CAEAR Coalition
California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association of Food Banks
California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice (CCIJ)
California Immigrant Policy Center
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California WIC Association
Californians for Justice
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center
Caminar Latino
Canterbury Michigan State Univ. Episcopal Community
Caring Across Generations
Carroll Gardens Association
CASA
Catharine Grainge
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)
Center for Economic and Policy Research
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies
Center for Health Progress
Center for Human Rights & Constitutional Law
Center for People With Disabilities
Center for Popular Democracy
Center for the Study of Social Policy

Central American Minors (CAM) Working Group
Central American Refugee Center, New York (CARECEN)
Central American Resource Center of Los Angeles
Central American Resource Center of Northern California - CARECEN SF
Children's Defense Fund
Children's Home Association of Illinois
Children's Institute
Children's Law Center of Massachusetts (CLCM)
Children's Legal Center
Chinese American Service League
Chinese for Affirmative Action
Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC)
Church World Service
Churches United For Fair Housing - CUFFH
Citizen Action/Illinois
CMP (Chinatown Manpower Project)
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Coalition for Immigrant Mental Health
Coalition on Human Needs
Colorado Civic Engagement Roundtable
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
Colorado Fiscal Institute
Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition
Columbia County Sanctuary Movement (CCSM)
Communities United for Status & Protection (CUSP)
Community Action Marin
Community Catalyst
Community Change Action
Community Food Bank of New Jersey
Community Inclusion & Development Alliance
Community Solutions
Comunidades Sin Fronteras CSF - CT INC
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
Connecticut Voices for Children
Cook County Health
Corridor Community Action Network
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
Courage California

Deaf New Americans Advocacy Inc
Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM)
Detention Watch Network
Disability Policy Consortium
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)
Doctors for America
Drug Policy Alliance
Durga Temple Of Westchester
Eagle Pass Border Coalition
East Bay Refugee and Immigrant Forum
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
East Side Aligned
Economic Opportunity Institute
El Centro Inc.
El Vínculo Hispano/Hispanic Liaison
Empire Justice Center
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
End Child Poverty in California
End Hunger CT!
Equal Rights Advocates
Equality California
Erie Family Health Centers
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
Esperanza United
EverThrive Illinois
Every Texan
Face to Face/The Sonoma County AIDS Network
Faith Community of St. Sabina
Faith In Action
Faith in New Jersey
Faith in Texas
Families USA
Family Diversity Projects
Family Focus
Family Focus Cicero
Family Focus DuPage
Family Focus South Holland
Feeding New York State
Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America

First Focus Campaign for Children
First Friends of New Jersey & New York
First Gen Empower
FLAP- Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project
Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project
Food Bank of Northern Nevada
Food for People
Food Research & Action Center (FRAC)
Franciscan Action Network
Free to Be Youth Project-Urban Justice Center
Freedom Agenda
Freedom Network USA
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Front Range Pediatric Therapies
Georgia Equality
GLIDE Foundation
GRACE - End Child Poverty in California
Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden INC
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Grzelak
Haitian Bridge Alliance
Hamkae Center
Hana Center
Haus of a Stranger
Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
Healthy Kids Happy Faces (HKHF)
Healthy Schools Campaign
Hep Free Hawai'i
Her Justice
HIAS
Hispanic American Community Education and Services
Hispanic Federation
Hispanic Services Council, Inc.
Homeless Prenatal Program
Housing Action Illinois
Housing Works
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative

Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI)
Human Rights First
Hunger Action Los Angeles
Hunger Free Colorado
Illinois Accountability Initiative
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants
Illinois Partners for Human Service
Immigrant Children Advocates' Relief Effort (ICARE)
Immigrant Connections
Immigrant Defenders Law Center
Immigrant Defense Project
Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)
Immigrant Welcome Network of Johnson County (IWNJC)
Immigration Center for Women and Children
Immigration Equality
Immigration Hub
Immigration Law & Justice Network
ImmSchools
Impetus - Let's Get Started LLC
Indivisible Chicago Alliance
Indo-American Center
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective
Inland Equity Community Land Trust
Institute for Policy Studies, Poverty Project
Instituto de Educacion Popular del Sur De California
International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice
JAMAAT - Jews and Muslims and Allies Acting Together
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
Jane Doe Inc.
Japanese American Citizens League
JCFS Chicago
Jericho Road Community Health Center
Jewish Activists for Immigration Justice--Western Massachusetts
Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action
Jewish Coalition for Immigrant Justice NW
Jobs to Move America

John Burton Advocates for Youth
Just Futures Law
Just Neighbors
Justice At Last
Justice for Migrant Families
Justice in Aging
JustLeadershipUSA
Kids Above All
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
Kinding Sindaw
Kmetko and Associates, Ltd.
Korean Resource Center
KRC Korean Resource Center
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
Latino Action Network Foundation
Latino Community Fund INC. (LCF Georgia)
Latino Policy Forum
Latino Racial Justice Circle
LatinoJustice Puerto Rico Legal Defense and Education Fund
Law Students for Immigrant Justice at UCLA Law
Lawrence Hall
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the SF Bay Area
Lawyers for Good Government
Lazos America Unida
League of Conservation Voters
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
League of United Latin American Citizens District VII
League of Women Voters of the United States
Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County
Legal Council for Health Justice
Legal Key Partnership for Health and Justice
Liberation for One, Liberation for All (LOLA)
Literacy Assistance Center
Little Lobbyists
Little Village Community Council
Local Progress
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy
Long Island Immigration Clinic/Sisters of St. Joseph
Los Angeles LGBT Center

Lower Hudson Valley DSA
Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic
LYRIC
Maine Center for Economic Policy
Make The Road CT
Make the Road Nevada
Make the Road New York
Make the Road Pennsylvania
Mano a Mano Family Resource Center
Maria de Jesus Dixon
Mariposa Legal
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Mekong NYC
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.
Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association
Metropolitan Family Services
Miami Valley Immigration Coalition
Michigan League for Public Policy
Midwest Immigration Bond Fund
MinKwon Center for Community Action
Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation
Minnesota Budget Project
Mobilization for Justice, Inc.
MomsRising
Moreno & Associates
Movement of Immigrant Leaders in Pennsylvania
MPower Change Action Fund
Mujeres Unidas y Activas
Muslim Advocates
Mutual Aid Immigration Network
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Social Workers
National Center for Law and Economic Justice
National Center for Youth Law

National Collaborative for Transformative Youth Policy
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
National Council of Jewish Women
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Harm Reduction Coalition
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Health Law Program
National Hispanic Health Foundation
National Housing Law Project
National Housing Resource Center
National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)
National Immigration Forum
National Immigration Project
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR)
National Newcomer Network
National Partnership for New Americans
National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
National United Church of Christ
National WIC Association
National Women's Law Center
National Working Positive Coalition
NDWA
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Never Again Action (NAA)
New England Justice for Our Neighbors
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children
New Moms
New York Immigration Coalition
North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT)
North Carolina Justice Center
Northwest Health Law Advocates (NoHLA)
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Nourish California

NYCD16-15 Indivisible
Oasis Legal Services
Of Color Inc
Oklahoma Policy Institute
OneAmerica
Oregon Food Bank
Pacific Asian Counseling Services
Palenque LSNA
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Partners for Our Communities
People Power United
People's Action
PFLAG Sacramento
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Pomona Economic Opportunity Center
Popular Democracy in Action
Positive Women's Network-USA
Poverty Project, Institute for Policy Studies
Pre-Health Dreamers
PrEP4All
Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness
Prevention Institute
Promise Arizona
Proyecto Faro
Public Counsel
Queens Defenders
Quixote Center
Ranch San Antonio
Refugee Advocacy Lab
Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus, Inc.
Refugee Congress
Refugee Council USA
Refugees International
Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights
Rochester's Lace, Inc.
Rockland Immigration Coalition
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
Rural AIDS Action Network
SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone) Alliance

Safer Together
San Diego Hunger Coalition
Sankofa Safe Child
Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center
Sauti Yetu Center for African Women, Inc
Search to Involve Pilipino Americans
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County
SEIU New Jersey State Council
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Silver State Equality-Nevada
Sisters of Charity of New York
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Justice Team
Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque IA
Social Justice Collaborative
Social Workers for Immigration Justice
South Asian Network
South Asian SOAR
South Bay People Power
South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition (SEAMAAC)
Southern Border Communities Coalition(SBCC)
Southern California College Attainment Network
Southern Iowa Latino Outreach and Support (SILOS)
Southwest Organizing Project
St. Anne's Family Services
Stop AAPI Hate
Tahirih Justice Center
Tennessee Justice for Our Neighbors
Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC)
The Advocates for Human Rights
The Arc of California
The Bridge Youth and Gamiky Services
The Center for Victims of Torture
The Center for Youth and Family Solutions
The Children's Partnership
The Enitan Story

The First Presbyterian Church of Chicago
The Immigration Project
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health
The Outreach House
The Restaurant Opportunities Center of Pennsylvania (ROC PA)
The Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC United)
The Sikh Coalition
The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society
The Wei LLC
The Women's Building
Thresholds
Together Colorado
Treatment Action Group
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Turning Point for Women + Families
U.S. People Living with HIV Caucus
UnidosUS
Union for Reform Judaism
Unitarian Universalist FaithAction New Jersey
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
United African Organization
United Church of Christ
United Community Center of Westchester, Inc.
United Parent Leaders Action Network(UPLAN)
United We Dream Network
Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut
University of California Student Association (UCSA)
University Settlement Society of New York
US PLHIV Caucus
Utahns Against Hunger
UU Justice Ministry of CA (Immigrant Justice Action Team)
VALOR
Venice Family Clinic
Violence Free Minnesota
Voces de la Frontera
Voices for Progress
Voices for Utah Children
Waves Ahead Corp
We Are All America

Welcoming America
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
Western Center on Law and Poverty
WHEAT
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
Women Employed
Women Watch Afrika, Inc.
Women's Refugee Commission
Woori Center
Workplace Justice Lab@RU
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Young Invincibles
Youth Services Network
YWCA Champaign County
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