

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  
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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  
Palenque LSNA  
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  
ZERO TO THREE