

Federal Fight Back Summit

— IMMIGRATION



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Make the Road PA (MRPA) build power in Latinx and Black immigrant communities and working-class communities of color. We empower community members to be the principal agents and leaders in challenging and dismantling systemic oppression through civic engagement and advocacy, community organizing, policy innovation and transformative education. | **Make the Road Action PA (MRA PA)** builds political power within working-class Latinx, Black, and other communities of color. We promote policy solutions that improve the lives of all working-class and low-income people and strengthen the movement for justice through grassroots and electoral organizing to drive progressive political and policy change.

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Foreign Born Status in PA

- **995,800 Foreign Born Individuals in PA (2022)**
 - **(50%) are naturalized citizens**
 - **(32%) are lawful permanent residents eligible for naturalization**
 - **(0.45%) are DACA-eligible residents**
 - **(16%) are undocumented immigrants**
- **Immigrants in Pennsylvania are of all racial demographics.**
 - **AAPI: 39%**
 - **Black: 20%**
 - **Latine: 33%**
 - **White: 9%**
- **Undocumented immigrants pay nearly \$135 million in state and local taxes.**

BirthRight Citizenship



What is birthright citizenship?

Birthright citizenship is the right of every person born in a country to claim citizenship of that country.

What did Trump do?

President Trump signed an executive order seeking to end birthright citizenship for the following individuals:

- Born after February 19, 2025 and
- Neither parent has permanent residency or U.S. citizenship.

What can be done to fight?

Our sister organization, Make the Road New York filed the first lawsuit against this EO. We will fight to ensure that this EO has no effect and does not affect anyone.

NOTE: A federal court has already paused this order and litigation continues.

The executive order does not take away anyone's citizenship!

Expedited Removal

Expedited removal is a process by which ICE can deport people quickly, without allowing them to see an immigration judge or apply for asylum or other protection from deportation.

What did Trump do?

The Trump administration has expanded the use of expedited deportation to be used against **people who have been in the U.S. for less than two years.**

It cannot be used against certain people, including:

- Immigrants who entered the US with a visa.
- Immigrants who have already passed an interview.
- Immigrant children who entered the U.S. as undocumented minors accompanied (those who went to an ORR-Office of Refugee Resettlement shelter).
- People who prove they have been here for more than two years.

Expedited Deportation: Change in Our Advice

- It's something new – and we need to provide new advice and resources.
- If you become aware of members who are subject to expedited removal, please let us know immediately!

If you HAVE BEEN in the US for more than 2 years:*

If you are arrested or about to be arrested by ICE you can prove that you have been here for more than 2 years. It should not be an ID from your home country or your passport. It should have your name and dates, such as:

- Invoices, pay stubs, general receipts
- Church, school, employment or birth records
- Identification issued by a state, school or city here

You can carry these documents with you or leave them with someone you trust, who you can contact if you are detained.

If you HAVE BEEN in the US for more than 2 years:*

If you are already in removal proceedings before the immigration court, do not miss your hearing date.

Depending on your case, if you are detained by ICE, you have the right to say that you are afraid to return to your country and you want an interview.

You should consult with a trusted legal services provider to understand your options and how to protect yourself from expedited deportation.

Border Closure

- **The new administration has implemented some very serious changes at the border.**
 - Stopped using the CBP1 application- US Customs and Border Protection even for people who already had appointments.
 - He made a presidential declaration of "invasion" on the southern border, eliminating access to asylum until further notice, and using the military to help with the border.
 - For those who are able to apply for political asylum, we anticipate that we will begin forcing people to wait in Mexico until their court cases are resolved in the U.S.



New Law: Laken Riley Act

What does it do and what's new?

Authorizes mandatory detention (i.e. without the possibility of bail) for persons who:

1. They entered the US without permission;
2. And they are charged with, arrested, convicted of, or admit to any of these crimes:
 - Theft: non-violent stealing of property
 - Robbery: using force or fear to steal property from the victim's immediate possession
 - Heist: armed robbery
 - Assault on a police officer
 - Any crime that causes death or serious injury

Anything else?

It also authorizes each state in the U.S. to sue the federal government if they fail to stop someone who committed one of the crimes listed above.

Is it true that only “ criminals ” will be detained by ICE? How can we challenge that narrative?

Key Changes to Arrest and Deportation Policies:

- President Biden's directives **have been revoked** and **replaced** with broader enforcement directives. Currently anyone without status can be targeted for arrest and deportation. This is similar to what we saw during President Trump's first term.
- According to the press, ICE is required to detain a high number of people each week.

- That is why we must be united and active.
- Citizens have been arrested in NJ, Wisconsin,



TPS- Temporary Protected Status for Venezuela

Shortly before leaving, the Biden administration extended TPS for Venezuelans, including those who obtained their TPS in 2021, and from 2023 until now.

The Trump administration has cancelled the extension. We do not yet know what it will decide regarding TPS.

- TPS 2021: Expires on September 10, 2025
 - TPS 2023: expires April 2, 2025
- The government has up to 2 months after the expiration date to make a decision.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a temporary immigration status that allows people from certain countries to live and work in the United States. The U.S. government grants TPS when conditions in a country make it unsafe for its citizens to return home



Countries with TPS: Afghanistan, Burma, Cameroon , El Salvador, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Lebanon, Nepal, Nicaragua Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen

Being undocumented in the US is a Civil Violation, not a crime

While federal immigration law does criminalize some actions that may be related to undocumented presence in the United States, undocumented presence alone is not a violation of federal criminal law. Thus, we believe that the term “illegal alien,” which may suggest a criminal violation, is inaccurate and misleading.

DO NOT use the phrase “Criminal-alien” or “illegal or “criminal illegal aliens”

H.R. 32 - No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities

What Would This Bill Do?

The No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act would **strip a state or local governments of federal funds** it “intends to use for the benefit” of undocumented immigrants. The bill names federal funding for “food, shelter, healthcare services, legal services, and transportation,” but **leaves the door open to “any” funding being cut.**

Why is this Unworkable?

- State and local agencies do not generally segregate their funds for citizens versus noncitizens, let alone noncitizens without legal status.
- The bill would harm hundreds of localities across the country. ICE has a list of 697 “noncooperative” and “limited cooperation” state and local jurisdictions – across 28 states and Washington, D.C.
- All of these jurisdictions could lose federal funding under this bill, which **defines “sanctuary” jurisdictions to include all those that decline to “extend the detention of someone in jail in response to a “detainer” request from ICE”.**



Prevent Congress from forcing states to aid President Trump's mass deportation agenda.

Text **SANCTUARY** to **82623**

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Hi, my name is _____ and my zip code is _____ from [State Name]. As a constituent, I urge you to vote NO on the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act. This bill would hold federal funding hostage - cutting critical funding to communities in more than two dozen states just for failing to participate in mass deportations. Please vote NO on this harmful bill

State and Local Responses

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Welcoming Policies

What does a welcoming policy do?

- Ensures county/municipality will provide services without regard to refugee or immigration status
- Ensures county/municipal employees won't inquire about citizen or immigration status unless required to do so by law
- Ensures county/municipality won't disclose citizenship or immigration status without consent unless required to by law
- Ensures county/municipality won't keep lists or databases of citizenship or immigration status unless required by law
- Prevents officials, employees, or agencies assisting ICE, CBP or other agencies, in accordance with Federal Law U.S.C. 1373, without a warrant signed by a judge

What does a welcoming policy not do?

- Counties must still comply with all federal and state laws, court orders, or warrants signed by a judge.
- This policy does not prevent ICE from entering the county or executing enforcement activities

State Legislation

Senate Bill 24 - [Office of New Pennsylvanians](#) - Sen. Sharif Street (D)

- Instruct the Office to provide internal coordination of services that commonly affect the lives of immigrants, to promote the state abroad to attract skilled workers, and once here, to help integrate immigrants into their local communities. The duties will include:
- Responding to inquiries from state agencies, the media, immigrant-serving organizations, and the public about immigration issues in Pennsylvania.
- Serve as point of contact for state licensing boards and the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs.
- Serve as a clearinghouse of information for state agencies on immigration-related policy issues, and coordinate among agencies as appropriate.
- Develop strategies to attract, retain, and incorporate immigrants into Pennsylvania.
- Convene stakeholders in business development and international trade promotion programs to increase their capacity to draw on immigrant contributors.
- Convene municipal officials to boost peer learning on immigration possibilities among third-class cities struggling with population loss and economic decline.
- Convene colleges and universities to foster learning about strategies for immigrant and international student retention.
- The legislation will also create the Advisory Board to the Office of New Pennsylvanians that will provide advice to the Governor and the office on how to best attract, retain, and integrate immigrants.

House Co-sponsorship Memo - [Providing Clarity and Consistency for U Visa Applicants](#) - Rep. Joseph Hohenstein (D)

- Ensure a more clear, more consistent, and victim-centered approach to the U visa certification process by requiring officials to develop a publicly accessible protocol.
- Establish requirements for certifying officials and agencies related to request processing timeframes, record keeping, language access, training, and victim notification.



Bystander/KYR Training

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Know your Rights

Basic Guidelines for Documenting ICE as a Bystander



If you or a loved one may be at risk of an ICE arrest,
please contact an immigration lawyer for individualized legal advice.
These guidelines are not to be considered legal advice.

Recording ICE

- **Keep your distance.**
- **It is legal to openly record law enforcement.**
- **Call allies for back-up.**
- **Do not physically interfere.**
- **Step back if ICE says to step back.**
- **You can record notes instead of recording if it becomes problematic.**
- **Share the recording and other information with family and friends of the individual arrested.**
- **Share the information with a trusted rapid response network or organization (Make the Road PA, API PA, ACLU, Casa, Juntos, PIC, etc...).**
- **Do not share on social media.**



Speaking to an ICE Target

- **Keep your distance.**
- **Call allies for back-up.**
- **Do not physically interfere.**
- **Step back if ICE says to step back.**
- **Use your judgement if speaking aloud will help or cause harm; DO NO HARM.**
- **You can remind the ICE target that ICE needs a current judicial warrant, signed by a judge, not Homeland Security, etc...**
- **You can remind the ICE target that they can ask for a lawyer and remain silent.**
- **Share the information with a trusted rapid response network or organization (Make the Road PA, API PA, ACLU, Casa, Juntos, PIC, etc...).**
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To get more training, be more involved, and participate in our community safety, please connect with our organizers and members here today*, or contact:

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