

Immigration Advocacy and National Faith, Progressive, Human and Civil Rights Organizations Oppose Further Senate Movement on Anti-Immigrant Legislation

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The undersigned organizations strongly oppose reported plans by Leader Schumer and Senate leadership to bring the failed Lankford-Murphy immigration bill, any of its components or paired with other bills, to the floor for a vote.

Immigrant communities and allied national organizations stood together [in condemning](#) this bill when it went to vote earlier this year. At that time, Senator Schumer, Senator Murphy and other leaders repeatedly stated that they supported the legislation as a forced compromise because of the challenging politics around aid for Ukraine. Now, aid for Ukraine is not an issue. Sending this harmful and counterproductive bill to vote, again, constitutes a deep betrayal of immigrant communities.

Among [many concerns](#), this bill would, for the first time ever, allow the U.S. government to deny people the opportunity to apply for asylum at our border simply based on border apprehension numbers. Instead of supporting a proposal that would exacerbate the challenges at the border, we need Congressional leaders to invest in increasing processing capacity to meet humanitarian and operational needs. [Leader Schumer](#) and other elected officials called similar proposals extremist, inhumane, and a betrayal of our nation's values during the Trump administration.

We urge Democratic leadership to fulfill their promise to immigrant communities and to the values we should and must uphold as a country: values of freedom, family, and dignity.

Our country can welcome people with dignity and respect and offer permanent protections to those who have suffered for years at the hands of inhumane immigration policies. People seeking safety and immigrant communities are not political pawns. We urge Leader Schumer to ensure that Members are not forced to take another vote on this harmful bill.

Signed by:

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African Communities Together (ACT)

Al Otro Lado

America's Voice

American Civil Liberties Union

American Gateways

Amnesty International USA

Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP)

Black Alliance for Just Immigration

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action

Borderlands Resource Initiative

Burma Refugee Families and Newcomers (BRFN)
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies
Center for Immigration Law and Policy at UCLA Law
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Popular Democracy (CPD)
Center for Victims of Torture
Central American Resource Center
Central American Resource Center of Northern California - CARECEN SF
Church World Service
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Coalition on Human Needs
Communities United for Status & Protection (CUSP)
Community Change Action
Council for Global Equality
Detention Watch Network
Dorothy Day Catholic Worker, Washington DC
East Bay Refugee and Immigrant Forum
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless
Equality California
Family Voices NJ
First Friends of New Jersey & New York
Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project
Florida Immigrant Coalition
Food Justice DMV
Franciscan Action Network
Global Black Gay Men Connect
Haitian Bridge Alliance
HIAS
Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative
Human Rights Campaign
Human Rights First
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Immigrant ARC
Immigrant Defenders Law Center
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
Immigration Equality
Immigration Hub
Indivisible
InReach (fka AsylumConnect)
Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (IFCLA)

International Mayan League
International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
Jewish Activists for Immigration Justice
Jewish Women International
Just Solutions
La Raza Community Resource Center (SF)
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Make the Road Pennsylvania
Minnesota Freedom Fund
Mobile Pathways
MPact Global Action for Gay Health & Rights
MSJC Immigration Team
National Bail Fund Network/Community Justice Exchange
National Center for Parent Leadership, Advocacy, and Community Empowerment (National PLACE)
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Immigrant Justice Center
National Immigration Law Center
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
National Immigration Project (NIPNLG)
National Partnership for New Americans
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New Jersey Forum for Human Rights
Oasis Legal Services
OneAmerica
Outright International
Oxfam America
Pax Christi New Jersey
Pennsylvania Immigrant and Citizenship Coalition
RAICES
Refugee Congress
Refugee Council USA
Refugees International
Silver State Equality
Social Justice Collaborative
Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network
Stand Together Contra Costa

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
The 5ive Pillars Organization
The Advocates for Human Rights
The New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society
UndocuBlack Network
United Church of Christ
United We Dream Network
Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations
We Are All America
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
Witness at the Border
Women's Refugee Commission
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights