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Advocacy Toolkit

New York for All Act (S2235/A3506)

Sponsors: AM Reyes, Sen Gounardes

The New York for All Act broadly prohibits state and local officers from enforcing federal immigration laws, funneling people into ICE custody, and sharing sensitive information with federal immigration authorities. In addition to prohibiting collusion between local law enforcement and immigration enforcement agents, NY4all would protect due process for our local communities by:

- Ensuring that people in custody are informed of their rights before being interviewed by ICE.
- Prohibiting ICE and CBP from entering non-public areas of state and local property without a judicial warrant
- Beginning the process of limiting ICE/CBP access to state information databases

Resources:

- [Email Script](#)
- [Call-In Script](#)
- **See if your State Electeds have already co-sponsored**
 - [Assembly sponsors](#)
 - [Senate sponsors](#)
- **Get Local Electeds on the Support Letter for NY4All**
 - [View Signatories](#) to see if your local electeds have already signed!
 - [Form](#) for local officials to sign on (bit.ly/2025NY4AllLocalElecteds)
- **Find Contact information for your Elected Officials**
 - Look up your County Legislator:
 - [Cayuga County](#)
 - [Cortland County](#)
 - [Jefferson County](#)
 - [Lewis County](#)
 - [Onondaga County](#)
 - [Oswego County](#)
 - Look up your NYS Senator: <https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>



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- Look up your NYS Assembly member:
<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/>
- **Additional Talking Points**
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CALL SCRIPTS

For calling County Legislators OR City/Town Councilors

Hello, my name is XXX, and I live in [Zip Code/City/Neighborhood]. I'm calling to urge that [INSERT ELECTED'S NAME] sign onto a letter from local electeds around NYS in support of the New York for All Act ([S2235/A3506](#)) to prevent law enforcement and local public agencies from colluding with immigration officials. A local resolution would support an end to the cruel practices we are seeing across the county.

Upstate New York is home to a strong agricultural sector and manufacturers that [rely on immigrants and boost our local economies](#). When we threaten the immigrant workforce, we threaten our own economic stability. Undocumented immigrants in NYS contribute over [\\$3 billion in taxes](#).

Congress has failed to provide legal pathways for immigrants, with no major updates to our immigration system in 40 years. I don't want our local resources being used to deal with a mess that has been created by our federal government or to punish local immigrants who are here contributing to our communities and taking care of their families.

Since the Trump administration took office, our communities are being torn apart, children are being taken out of our schools, parents are being taken away from their children, and we have been forced to depend on mutual aid and already overburdened nonprofits as the federal government cuts essential programs.

It is not criminals who threaten our safety who are primarily being targeted, local law enforcement already has the mechanisms they need to collaborate with immigrant officials on criminal investigations. The collusion we are seeing indiscriminately targets all immigrants, most of whom have no prior law enforcement record, and is impacting legal immigrants and sometimes US citizens due to racial profiling. These are fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters who are working and trying to provide for their families and create a better life in our state. Many have been living and working here for over a decade and are deeply connected to our communities.

Local public agencies are colluding with ICE through unconstitutional racial profiling, a civil rights violation and a gross misuse of our local tax dollars and resources to carry out federal immigration priorities. It is damaging to our public safety and the well-being of all New Yorkers



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when we promote division and harmful fear-mongering. I urge you to protect our communities by signing on to supporting New York for All at bit.ly/2025NY4AllLocalElecteds

ADD A PERSONAL TESTIMONY IF RELEVANT

SCRIPT TO ASK YOUR STATE REP TO SPONSOR

Hello, my name is XXX, and I live in [Zip Code/City/Neighborhood]. I'm calling to urge Senator/Assembly Member [Name] to prioritize passing the New York for All Act ([S2235/A3506](#)), sponsored by Senator Gounardes and Assembly Member Reyes as urgently as possible.

This bill is critical because:

- It ensures that everyone, regardless of immigration status, can safely access state and local resources.
- It directs our state and local resources to serve our communities, not federal immigration enforcement.
- It protects families from the harm and trauma of separation.

ADD LOCAL OR PERSONAL TESTIMONY IF RELEVANT

SCRIPT TO THANK STATE REPS WHO HAVE CO-SPONSORED & URGE THEM TO PRIORITIZE NY4ALL THIS SESSION:

Hi, my name is XXX, and I live in [Zip Code/City/Neighborhood], and am a resident of your district. I am calling to thank [Legislator Name] for being a co-sponsor of the bill and to urge that they do everything possible to pass the New York for All Act ([S2235/A3506](#)).

In the face of a federal deportation and detention agenda that is devastating my community, local families, and our workforce, NY for All needs to be passed.

Our communities can not wait any longer to stop local authorities from conspiring with immigration enforcement. NY for All will help immigrant New Yorkers lead freer lives and protect our local and state resources from being used to further ICE's recorded history of abuse and neglect.

Can I count on the Senator/Assembly Member to support the passage of the New York for All Act? Can I count on her/him to actively fight for the bill's passage?



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Thank you for your time!

Additional Talking Points

(Please feel free to add/adapt your own points to make it more personal):

1. Every person regardless of their immigration status deserves security, dignity, and respect.
2. The current practices by law enforcement and ICE are inconsistent and family members who are working and contributing to the community are being targeted.
3. This law is fundamental because it protects families from the pain and trauma of separation.
4. No one should be afraid that calling the police or emergency service will lead to being detained by immigration officials.
5. If those being targeted were real criminals, they would already be in the system and this collusion would be unnecessary.
6. People that are going to court and doing everything right are also being threatened by these practices.
7. Our local resources should not be diverted to carry out a cruel and inhumane federal deportation agenda.
8. There is widespread agreement that our immigration system is broken: aggressive enforcement in this context does not make any sense and harms immigrants and local communities
9. All New Yorkers, regardless of their immigration status want to live freely, participate in their communities and provide for their families without fear.
10. When people are afraid to ask for help or trust their neighbors and communities, we are all less safe.
11. The collusion between local agencies and ICE primarily targets workers, intimidating workers from speaking out against workplace abuse or labor violation, undermining the work of NYS agencies like the DOL.
12. As a state where more than 1 of every 4 workers is an immigrant, suppressing immigrant workers' rights lowers the bar for all workers.
13. NYS farmers are concerned about what could happen to their workforce if mass deportations occur. An estimated 90% of dairy farm workers are immigrants, a majority of whom lack legal status. Even produce farms that rely primarily on H2A workers often also rely on year-round immigrant workers to maintain their operations.



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14. When residents trust local officials, they participate more in the local economy and community, helping our communities not only to be safer but also to thrive.



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BACKGROUND

Why We Need New York For All

Communities that refuse to conspire with ICE are safer.

When people are too scared to call for help or trust their neighbors and communities, we are all less safe. In fact, data shows that crime is lower in places where officials do not divert time and resources for a hostile immigration agenda.

Since its founding in 2003, ICE has acted with impunity, using lies, deception, and excessive force to storm their way into New Yorkers' homes and disappear our loved ones and community members.

No one should have to fear that calling police or emergency services may bring ICE to their door. The Major Cities Chiefs Association, the Presidential Task Force on 21st Century Policing, the New York State Attorney General, and the New York State Police have all adopted positions or policies to keep out of federal immigration enforcement, citing the harm it causes to public safety.

Protecting immigrants strengthens New York's economy.

When residents trust local officials, they participate more in the local economy. In 2022, immigrant New Yorkers contributed \$68 billion dollars in taxes and constituted \$153 billion dollars in spending power.

Immigrants make up nearly 30% of the state's workforce; more than 60 percent of home healthcare workers and aides for the elderly are immigrants, and some of the most likely first jobs for asylum seekers include nursing assistants, child care workers, and construction workers. These are some of the most critical, hard-to-fill jobs in New York. Data also shows that household income is higher, and poverty rates are lower in areas where officials refuse to conspire with ICE.

Other states have passed legislation to keep local resources out of federal immigration enforcement.

New York should follow other states that recognize the importance of protecting immigrant residents. New Jersey, Washington, Illinois, and California already have statewide sanctuary policies. New York City and other local jurisdictions have already passed strong citywide policies to keep local agencies out of ICE's agenda.

From Staten Island to Buffalo to Albany, New York needs a consistent statewide policy to protect all immigrant residents.



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Immigrant Communities Deserve Respect and a Chance to Pursue Citizenship Without Fear.

Immigrant families courageously endured significant hardship to build better lives here. Trump's divisive politics will be catastrophic for these families and communities, who need protections like New York for All more than ever. Immigrants have had to wait too long for federal lawmakers to develop a reasonable roadmap to citizenship, and the process is too broken.

With an anti-immigrant extremist back in the White House, we need to pass New York for All now.