

CALL TO ACTION #5: Ask your Representative to Vote for the Safe Schools for All Act

The Safe Schools for All Act protects access to public education for all students in Illinois. This bill prohibits a child from being denied a free public education based on citizenship or immigration status, so that no child is afraid to attend school and no parent is afraid to send them.

Background:	One of the first moves by the current Administration was to rescind the Department of Homeland Security's "sensitive locations memo." That memo previously restricted immigration enforcement at 'safe' locations like schools, hospitals, and churches. With the memo rescinded, federal immigration agents are no longer constrained from conducting immigration enforcement actions in schools. This creates fear and uncertainty among immigrant communities, especially undocumented families. The Safe Schools for All Act (Illinois House Bill 3247) would: • Ban exclusion or differential treatment in schools based on immigration status. • Disallow procedures (like asking for Social Security numbers) that could discourage immigrant families from enrolling. • Prohibit threats or actual reporting to immigration authorities unless there is a verified legal cause. • Require a valid federal warrant for any immigration enforcement at school facilities. • Provide legal empowerment for families to assert and protect their rights. This bill is a state-level response meant to protect students and their families from being targeted or discouraged from attending school due to immigration status. It reflects a broader effort by Illinois to reaffirm education as a right and create a safe environment for all students, regardless of federal immigration policies. Read more HERE.
Script if you are calling:	Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm from [CITY] in your District. I'm calling to ask that [REPRESENTATIVE or SENATOR NAME] support the <i>Safe Schools for All Act</i>. As your constituent, I urge you to vote YES on House Bill 3247/Senate Bill 2065. I value justice and equity in our schools, and need you to fiercely advocate for the passage of this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration. <i>IF LEAVING VOICEMAIL: Include your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.</i>
Who do I contact?	First, find Your Representative: Use the Illinois State Board of Elections District Locator to identify your district and representative by entering your address. Second, find your Representative's contact information: Visit the Illinois House Members Directory for a full list of representatives and their contact information, including phone number, email, and their office address in Springfield. If you prefer, you can also use this Web Form which includes a pre-written message. (Note: This link will also address Action #5 with the same message!)
What kind of action is this?	<i>Phone call or web form</i>
How long will this take?	<i>5 - 10 minutes</i>