

September 10, 2025

**Re:** No on HR 3486 – “Stop Illegal Entry Act”

Dear Representative:

We, the undersigned organizations, write in strong opposition to H.R. 3486 – the *Stop Illegal Entry Act*. Voting for this bill hands the Trump administration more tools to terrorize our communities at a time when it is deploying federal law enforcement agents for what the President just called a “war” on an American city – and attempting to intimidate millions of people across our nation. The bill would also increase mass incarceration – lining the pockets of the private prison industry, as the administration continues to gut the programs and services working families need.

We strongly urge all Members of Congress to vote no on H.R. 3486. This bill would steeply increase criminal sentences for people convicted of improper entry under 8 U.S.C. 1325 or re-entry of individuals previously removed or denied admission under 8 U.S.C. 1326 - and no other criminal conviction. It would also increase the maximum penalty for a repeated improper entry offense from two to five years in prison and increase the maximum penalty for unauthorized re-entry from two to 10 years in prison. This buys into Stephen Miller’s narrative that all unauthorized immigrants are criminals – criminalizing the parents and spouses of US citizens, Dreamers, long time farmworkers, caregivers, and community members.

H.R. 3486 would impose extreme mandatory minimum sentences, including a sentencing range of not less than five years and **up to life imprisonment** for illegal entry with a subsequent conviction of an offense punishable by more than a year. It also imposes a sentencing range of not less than 10 years and up to life imprisonment for illegal reentry with a past conviction for a felony or an aggravated felony – which can include a broad range of conduct, such as immigration-related offenses and shoplifting.

H.R. 3486 will fuel mass incarceration - exploding our prison system and overloading our court system, including U.S. Attorney Offices, federal defenders, and Bureau of Prisons staff. H.R. 3486 will also feed racial disparities in our prison system. Mandatory minimums disproportionately impact communities of color. According to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, in 2023, 98.8 percent of those sentenced for illegal reentry under 1326 were Hispanic, 0.5 percent were White, 0.5 percent were Black, and 0.1 percent were other races.<sup>1</sup>

The undersigned organizations stand in unified opposition to H.R. 3486 – the *Stop Illegal Reentry Act*. We call on all elected officials to do the same.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Sentencing Commission, “Quick Facts: Illegal Reentry,” [https://www.ussc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/research-and-publications/quick-facts/Illegal\\_Reentry\\_FY23.pdf](https://www.ussc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/research-and-publications/quick-facts/Illegal_Reentry_FY23.pdf).

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
Acacia Center for Justice  
Adhikaar for Human Rights and Social Justice  
AFL-CIO  
African Communities Together (ACT)  
America's Voice  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC  
Ayuda  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
Care in Action  
CASA  
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies  
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
Centro de Informacion  
Church World Service  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Drug Policy Alliance  
Encuentro  
Family Focus  
Freedom for Immigrants  
Freedom Network USA  
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees  
Hispanic Federation  
Hope Border Institute  
Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef)  
Immigrant Defense Project  
Immigrant Justice Network

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project  
Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)  
Immigration Equality Action Fund  
International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE)  
International Refugee Assistance Program (IRAP)  
Just Futures Law  
Justice At Last  
Latino Policy Forum  
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)  
Mi Familia Vota  
MPower Change Action Fund  
Muslim Advocates  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Immigration Project  
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice  
National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC)  
National Survivor Network  
OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN)  
Spanish Community Center  
T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights  
The Advocates for Human Rights  
The ReMIX Way  
The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

The UndocuBlack Network

The Workers Circle: Jewish Culture for a Just World

United Farm Workers

United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW)

United We Dream

Vera Institute of Justice

Voto Latino

Welcoming America

Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center

Witness at the Border

Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

### **Regional Organizations Opposing**

ACLU People Power Fairfax

Arkansas United

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action, Maryland

Bold Futures NM

Conservation Voters New Mexico (CVNM)

Equality New Mexico

Erie Neighborhood House

Estrella del Paso

Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project

Florida Immigrant Coalition

Hamkae Center

HANA Center

Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights

Illinois Migrant Council & LULAC-IL Council #5296

Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice  
Jewish Activists for Immigration Justice of Western Mass  
La Casa Norte  
Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition  
Miami Valley Immigration Coalition  
New Jersey Citizen Action  
New Mexico Dream Team  
New Mexico Voices for Children  
New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)  
Northwest Center  
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada  
ProgressNow New Mexico  
Quixote Center  
Somos Un Pueblo Unido  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)  
Southern Border Communities Coalition (SBCC)  
Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative, Loyola Law School  
Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights  
Voices for Utah Children  
Worker Justice Center of New York