

Dear Governor Murphy,

We, the undersigned organizations, represent hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans committed to building a stronger, safer, and fairer New Jersey for the 9.5 million people who call our state home. For the last eight years, we have worked with you to ensure that the values that undergird New Jersey – justice, safety, and dignity for all – exist not only on paper, but in practice. We are proud of the work we have accomplished with you and thank you for your leadership.

As we approach your last days in office, we are calling on you to take one last action to stand with our communities by **signing critical protections for immigrant New Jerseyans (S5036/A6308, S5037/A6309, and S5038/A6310) into law** before the end of your term:

- **S5036/A6308:** Safe Communities Act, which calls on the Attorney General to create model policies for schools, hospitals, food pantries, and other essential services.
- **S5037/A6309:** Privacy Protection Act, which ensures that all New Jerseyans can access state and local government services for which they are eligible with less worry that doing so will lead to detention and deportation.
- **S5038/A6310:** Codifies and strengthens the Immigrant Trust Directive, an OAG directive that ensures greater trust between community members and law enforcement.

Over the last year, immigrant communities across the country have been subject to escalating attacks by a federal administration that is working to erode our democracy and our constitutional rights. This administration has turbocharged ICE with \$75 billion to expand immigration detention and enforcement and has emboldened ICE officers to brutalize our communities with impunity.

This terror is felt deeply by families in New Jersey, where one in four residents are immigrants and one in six residents have at least one immigrant parent. From January to October 2025, [over 6000 New Jerseyans were detained by ICE](#) and immigration detention capacity more than quadrupled in the state. We have countless stories of [students taken by ICE](#), of [children being left without their parents](#), of [employees being taken as they work to support their families](#), and of [people already in the course of their immigration proceedings having their lives upended](#). Moreover, we know of even more New Jerseyans living in fear in the shadows and who must make impossible choices daily – to forgo healthcare in an emergency, to keep children home from school, to not fight their wage theft case or seek assistance from law enforcement – because of the risk to their safety and freedom.

This is the reality for far too many New Jerseyans, and while you cannot stop ICE enforcement in New Jersey, you can make certain that New Jersey is doing everything in its power to protect and stand with its residents. This moment calls for action and leadership.

We urge you to sign critical protections for immigrant New Jerseyans (S5036/A6308, S5037/A6309, and S5038/A6310) into law now.

Thank you,

1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East

32BJ SEIU

AAPI NJ

AAPI of East Brunswick, APIDA Alliance

ACLU of New Jersey

Action Together New Jersey

AFU Action

American Friends Service Committee | NJ Immigrant Rights Program

Arab Muslim American Green Party Caucus of NJ

Asociación Mexicana NJ

Atlantic City Indivisible Empathy United

Bend the Arc Jewish Action: South Jersey

Black Lives Matter Paterson

Bridges Outreach, Inc.

CAIR Action NJ

Casa Freehold

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton

Ceasefire Now NJ

Cherry Hill Women's Center

CIR-SEIU

Comite de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas

Council on American-Islamic Relations, New Jersey Chapter (CAIR-NJ)

DIRE and DIRE Legal Services

El Pueblo Unido of Atlantic City

Emgage Action

Empower NJ

EqualSpace

Faith in New Jersey

First Friends of New Jersey & New York

FOCUS Hispanic Center for Community Development

Food & Water Watch

Food4NJ

Fuerza Migrante

Garden State Equality

Gloucester County NAACP

Hackettstown Drinking Liberally

Haiti Solidarity Network of the Northeast

Hanover Township Democratic Committee

IACO Immigration and American Citizenship Organization.

Indivisible Central NJ

Indivisible Cranbury

Indivisible Rahway

Ironbound Community Corporation

JACL Seabrook Chapter

Jewish Voice for Peace of Northern NJ

Jews for Palestinian Right of Return

Knitty Gritty JC Social Club

La Casa de Don Pedro, Inc.

Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund

Latino Action Network

LatinoJustice PRLDEF

Lawrence Citizen Activists
Lazos America Unida
League of Women Voters of New Jersey
Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District
Locally Made, Globally Grown
Madison Area Call to Action (MACTA)
Make the Road New Jersey
Mexican American Community Center
Migrante New Jersey
Minkwon Center for Community Action
Monmouth & Ocean County Action (MOCA)
Morristown Unitarian Universalist Church
Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
NAACP NJ State Conference
National Council of Jewish Women/Essex County
National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON)
New Jersey Abortion Access Fund
New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
New Jersey Black Empowerment Coalition
New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence
New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children
New Jersey Education Association
New Jersey Forum for Human Rights
New Jersey Harm Reduction Coalition
New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
New Jersey Peace Action
New Jersey Policy Perspective
New Jersey Poor People's Campaign

New Jersey Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC-NJ)

New Jersey Working Families Alliance

New Labor

Newark Community Street Team

Newark Public Safety Collaborative (NPSC)

NJ 11th for Change

NJ Anti-Zionist Minyan

NJ Certified Professional Midwives Association (NJCPM)

NJ Citizen Action

NJ Food Democracy Collaborative

NJ Voters Want More Say

North New Jersey Democratic Socialists of America

One Boat Coalition

OneNJ7

Our Revolution NJ

OutFront Metuchen

PAL-Awda NY/NJ

Palestinian American Community Center

Peaceful Minds Haven

Plainfields Area Indivisible

Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey

Returning Citizens Union

Rutgers AAUP-AFT

Rutgers Adjunct Faculty Union, AAUP-AFT Local 6324

Rutgers Queer Caucus

Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center, Inc.

Social Justice Teams of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

SOMA Action

South Asians for America

South Jersey Jews for Gaza

South Jersey NOW Alice Paul Chapter

South Jersey Progressive Democrats

SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

Spirit of Liberation (SOL)

The Green Party of NJ

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey

Third Act New Jersey

Trenton Makes Indivisible

Unitarian Universalist Church in Cherry Hill Immigrant & Refugee Support Task Force

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades

Unitarian Universalist FaithAction NJ

United Progressive Democrats

Urban League of Essex County

Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

Volunteer UP Legal Clinic

WADEIn NJ

Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center