

Legislative Advocacy Actions for Community Members to Protect Immigrants

1. **Support Driver's License Legislation**
 - Campaign for state laws allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, reducing arrests and convictions for driving without a valid license.
2. **Promote Visa Certifications for Victims**
 - Encourage states to expand visa certifications for victims of crimes, human trafficking, and workplace exploitation through deferred action processes.
3. **Pass 364-Day Bills**
 - Push for legislation redefining the maximum penalty for misdemeanors to under 365 days, mitigating federal deportation triggers.
4. **Advocate for Immigration-Sensitive Prosecutorial Practices**
 - Urge state attorneys general to guide local prosecutors in considering the immigration consequences of charges to avoid unnecessary deportations.
5. **Expand Legal Representation for Immigrants**
 - Lobby for state funding to provide legal aid to immigrants facing deportation and for coordinated efforts with community organizations to support those targeted by raids.
6. **Oppose Participation in Mass Detention**
 - Encourage state and local governments to refuse involvement in mass immigrant detentions, including denying contracts with ICE for detention facilities.
7. **Prohibit ICE Contracts**
 - Support legislative measures banning state or local governments from entering contracts with ICE or leasing jail space for immigrant detention.
8. **Back Community Movements Against Detention Sites**
 - Join and amplify local campaigns opposing new detention centers and expansions of existing facilities.
9. **Promote Public Awareness and Advocacy**
 - Host informational sessions and engage with elected officials to build support for humane and fair immigration policies.

ACLU Focus Group Results: Winning messages on public safety and immigration reform:

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