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Press Statement

Immigrant Rights Advocates Condemn NYS Legislators for Failure to Pass New York For All

The New York for All Act would prohibit local law enforcement and state agencies from colluding with federal immigration agencies

New York—The New York State Legislative session is coming to a close, without leaders bringing the [New York For All Act](#) ([S.987 Gounardes](#) / [A.5686 Reyes](#)) forward for floor votes in the Senate or Assembly. This legislation would have protected immigrant communities and all New Yorkers by prohibiting local law enforcement and state agencies from conspiring with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP). Ending this collusion would have allowed immigrant New Yorkers to go about their daily lives without fear that something as simple as a traffic stop or calling 911 in an emergency could result in being ripped away from their families. This builds trust between government and the communities it serves, and allows our local economies to flourish by letting people feel safe to participate in daily life.

The New York For All Act had 62 co-sponsors in the Assembly, and 32 co-sponsors in the Senate.

The campaign released the following statement:

“Once again, Albany has chosen political convenience over protecting New York families by failing to move forward the New York For All Act (A.5685/S.987). The bill had strong support in both houses and had widespread backing from [labor](#) and [local elected officials](#) across New York State. The lack of political courage and moral leadership in Albany – and the failure to take a bold stand in the face of rising xenophobia – means that New York’s immigrant communities will continue to live with the threat that any encounter with government agencies can result in separation from their families. Our State’s businesses — from dairy farms to restaurants — will also continue to grapple with how they will replace experienced workers due to the collusion between ICE and local law enforcement. All New Yorkers deserve better, which is why we will



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continue to fight for the New York for All Act to ensure the safety and protection of every New York family.”

About the New York For All Campaign: *Alianza Agrícola, The Bronx Defenders, FWD.us, Immigrant Defense Project, the New York Civil Liberties Union, the New York Immigration Coalition and Vera Institute of Justice lead New York For All, a coalition of over 75 organizations and elected officials united to pass the New York For All Act. The bill ([S987 Gounardes](#) / [A5686 Reyes](#)) will prohibit local law enforcement and state agencies from colluding with CBP and ICE on federal immigration enforcement. All New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, deserve to lead free and open lives without fear of being ripped from their families at a moment's notice.*

About Alianza Agrícola: *The [Alianza Agrícola](#) is New York State's only worker-founded, worker-led organized group of undocumented immigrant dairy farmworkers. We are membership based, and all members are directly affected undocumented immigrants, mostly from Mexico, who live and work in isolation and poverty on dairy farms in 5 Western New York counties.*

About The Bronx Defenders: *For more than two decades, [The Bronx Defenders](#) has worked to radically transform how low-income people in the Bronx are represented in the legal system and, in doing so, to transform the system itself. In working with nearly 20,000 justice-involved people each year, we understand the devastating and racially disproportionate results of arrest and incarceration. Deeply rooted in our direct representation work, we approach systemic change with an interdisciplinary lens to tackling the entrenched patterns and policies that harm the Bronx community and beyond.*

About FWD.us: *[FWD.us](#) is a bipartisan political organization that believes America's families, communities, and economy thrive when more individuals are able to achieve their full potential. For too long, our broken immigration and criminal justice systems have locked too many people out of the American dream. Founded by leaders in the technology and business communities, we seek to grow and galvanize political support to break through partisan gridlock and achieve meaningful reforms. Together, we can move America forward.*

About Immigrant Defense Project: *The [Immigrant Defense Project](#) (IDP) was founded over 20 years ago to combat an emerging human rights crisis: the targeting of immigrants for mass imprisonment and deportation. As this crisis has continued to escalate, IDP has remained steadfast in fighting for fairness and justice for all immigrants caught at the intersection of the racially biased U.S. criminal and immigration systems. IDP fights to end the current era of unprecedented mass criminalization, detention and deportation through a multipronged strategy including advocacy, litigation, legal advice and training, community defense, grassroots alliances, and strategic communications.*



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About the New York Civil Liberties Union: The [New York Civil Liberties Union](#) (NYCLU) is one of the nation's foremost defenders of civil liberties and civil rights. Our mission is to defend and promote the fundamental principles and values embodied in the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution, and the New York Constitution, including freedom of speech and religion, and the right to privacy, equality and due process of law, with particular attention to the pervasive and persistent harms of racism.

About the New York Immigration Coalition: The [New York Immigration Coalition](#) (NYIC) is an umbrella policy & advocacy organization that represents over 200 immigrant and refugee rights groups throughout New York. The NYIC serves one of the largest and most diverse newcomer populations in the United States. The multi-racial and multi-sector NYIC membership base includes grassroots and nonprofit community organizations, religious and academic institutions, labor unions, as well as legal and socioeconomic justice organizations. The NYIC not only establishes a forum for immigrant groups to voice their concerns, but also provides a platform for collective action to drive positive social change. Since its founding in 1987, the NYIC has evolved into a powerful voice of advocacy by spearheading innovative policies, promoting and protecting the rights of immigrant communities, improving newcomer access to services, developing leadership and capacity, expanding civic participation, and mobilizing member groups to respond to the fluctuating needs of immigrant communities.

About Vera Institute of Justice: The [Vera Institute of Justice](#) is powered by hundreds of advocates, researchers, and policy experts working to transform the criminal legal and immigration systems until they're fair for all. Founded in 1961 to advocate for alternatives to money bail in New York City, Vera is now a national organization that partners with impacted communities and government leaders for change. We develop just, antiracist solutions so that money doesn't determine freedom; fewer people are in jails, prisons, and immigration detention; and everyone is treated with dignity. Vera's headquarters is in Brooklyn, New York, with offices in Washington, DC, New Orleans, and Los Angeles.