

MASSACHUSETTS  
**SAFE COMMUNITIES**  
COALITION

June 13, 2018

To: **Governor Charlie Baker**

**House Speaker Robert DeLeo**

**Conference Committee Members:**

- Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, House Ways & Means Chair
- Representative Stephen Kulik
- Representative Todd Smola
- Senate Karen Spilka, Senate Ways & Means Chair
- Senator Joan Lovely
- Senator Viriato deMacedo

Subject: **Please Take Action to Protect Immigrant Families**

We, the undersigned, call on you to take action now and protect immigrant families who live here in Massachusetts.

As our elected leaders, entrusted to protect the rights of all people who live in Massachusetts, you can protect immigrant families by:

**A. Ensuring that the 4 Key Provisions are included in the final budget (see attached for more detail)**

- 1) No police inquiry about immigration status,
- 2) Stop collaboration agreements with ICE,
- 3) Provide basic due process protections and,
- 4) Refuse to contribute to any discriminatory registry

**B. Passing the final budget with no changes to these provisions**

Immigrants are not criminals or animals, as some elected officials would like the public to believe. Massachusetts citizens do not need to be protected from immigrants. It is the immigrants who live in the Commonwealth who need protection. Immigrants are our friends, our co-workers, our neighbors and our family. Immigrants are integral members of their communities and active members of their houses of worship. They are tax payers and workers, students and they are Baystaters.

Please, we implore you to protect immigrant families. Separating parents from children at the border is unconscionable, but that is, in fact, what is happening here in Massachusetts every day. This must stop. You have the power to protect the rights of immigrants and keep families together. We call on you now to do what's right.

Sincerely,