

FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER

Families belong together and all people in Kentucky should feel safe in their communities, regardless of their skin color or country of origin.



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Being born outside of our commonwealth does not make Kentuckians any less Kentuckian. Children should never be separated from their parents for immigration enforcement.



IMMIGRATION GROWS THE ECONOMY:

- Immigrants & children of immigrants are 2x more likely to start a business¹.
- Undocumented immigrants in KY paid \$36.6M in state and local taxes in 2014. That would rise to \$52.7M if they were documented².



IMMIGRATION STATUS IS FLUID:

Someone may be undocumented today and eligible for a visa tomorrow, or here on a student visa today and undocumented after graduation. One's immigration status may change, but their place in the community does not. Local police enforcing federal immigration laws undermines community trust & damages public safety³.



DIVERSITY STRENGTHENS EDUCATION:

Kentucky kids should not be afraid to go to school. Studies show diversity at school leads to better learning outcomes. It teaches students how to collaborate with people from different backgrounds and with different viewpoints⁴.

OPPOSE SB1 - FAMILY SEPARATION BILL

Senate Bill 1, the Family Separation Bill, would force local law enforcement agencies and almost all public employees to "support the enforcement of federal immigration law."

This bill would increase racial profiling and put our fellow Kentuckians at greater risk for deportation. It would also interfere with students' educations, separate families, and stress our already over-burdened foster care system.

This bill would also imperil county budgets. Forcing local law enforcement to enforce federal laws exposes them to lawsuits in cases of constitutional violations.

SB1 passed out of the Senate on February 4, 2020.

SB1 will push immigrants away. If only 10% of undocumented immigrants left, KY would

KENTUCKY WOULD LOSE \$257.4 MILLION

in gross domestic product in just one year⁵.

WHAT WOULD THE CURRENT DRAFT OF THE FAMILY SEPARATION BILL DO?

- Force almost all public employees – from state social workers, to staff at homeless shelters, to some university personnel – to engage in federal immigration enforcement.
- Weaken local law enforcement by putting victims and witnesses of crime at risk of being detained and deported if they report a crime.
- Allow state constitutional officers to formally challenge people or agencies they believe are not enforcing the law.
- Create a system of fear, intimidation, and racial profiling against Kentuckians of color.
- Expose counties to costly lawsuits.

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