

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

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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 Kentucky families, and stress our already overburdened foster care system.

The Family Separation Bill would also imperil county budgets. Forcing local law enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration laws exposes them to lawsuits in cases of constitutional violations.



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

- Force almost all public employees, from staff at domestic violence shelters to hospitals, 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.
- Senate President says he wants to include provision denying college admission to students without proper documentation and DREAMers (DACA recipients).

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