

Immigration Committee Update 1/4/25

TAKE ACTION

PROTECT IMMIGRANTS

Urgent Support Needed for Three "Immigrant Protection Bills" in NJ

The NJ Immigrant Trust Act has been repackaged as three separate "Immigrant Protection Bills," and they are being introduced in the State House in Trenton on Monday, January 5th. We have one week to get these bills passed.

We need volunteers to travel on their own or carpool with us to the Trenton State House and be present in the committee hearings and hallways to show your support for these 3 bills.

Signs are not allowed, but stickers on your shirt are. You can also keep a sign on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper folded in your pocket that you might get a chance to hold up. It can say: Support All Immigrant Protection Bills.

We will meet up with a lead organizer who will let us know what hearings to attend and when.

Carpools will meet in Cherry Hill at specific posted times for each day. (1/5 at 8 a.m.; 1/6 at 8:00 a.m.; 1/8 at 7:30 a.m.) and arrive in Trenton with time to lobby before the hearings.

If you can't make it in the morning on Monday, arriving by 12:00 noon should put you there in time for the Assembly Judiciary Committee hearing about the actual three Immigrant Protection Bills.

We are also looking for people (healthcare providers, teachers, business owners, law enforcement, etc.) willing to give testimony about how the current immigration climate is affecting their practice. Impacted families are invited, too, and if they are not comfortable providing testimony in person, we can present their anonymous testimony in writing. Email immigration@crinj.org

Once you sign up on this Mobilize, you will receive information about where to meet for carpooling and where to meet in Trenton. Please check this mobilize for any time changes.

[RSVP here to show support for the 3 "Immigrant Protection Bills" in Trenton this week.](#)

Phone Zap and Dinner for Immigrant Protection Bills

You're invited to drop in for dinner and dessert at the new Jersey Kebab Mediterranean restaurant on Tuesday, Jan. 6 in Collingswood. Dinner for the first 100 guests will be complimentary, courtesy of a CRI member.

Our purpose is to enjoy a great dinner while making phone calls to our NJ legislators, urging them to pass three "Immigrant Protection Bills" (formerly Immigrant Trust Act) this week.

We only have a few days left to pass these important bills that will keep NJ a safe and welcoming state for all.

Please join us. A short script will be provided for every person. Calls should only take a few minutes. Alcohol is not allowed. Seating capacity is 100.

If you don't have time for dinner, you can use the script below to call your legislators about NJ's "Immigrant Protection Bills." Every call makes a difference.

[RSVP Here for the Phone Zap Party](#)

Call Script for New Jersey's Immigrant Protection Bills



In just two minutes, you could help make families safer in New Jersey. We are running out of time. If we do not get these important Immigrant Protection Bills passed by January 13th, they die.

Cooper River Indivisible is conducting a Phone Zap campaign Jan. 5th through Jan. 12 to make the Immigrant Protection Bills (formerly Immigrant Trust Act) into law in New Jersey. The bills will allow immigrants to seek protection from state and local agencies (such as healthcare, education, law enforcement etc.) without fear. The law also ensures local law enforcement departments will do the work they were hired to do: protect our communities.

How It Works:

1. Call the two leaders of the NJ Legislature and read the mini scripts below, requesting that they bring the **NJ Immigrant Protection Bills** to a vote on the floor of the NJ Assembly and Senate. **Call anytime, 24 hrs/day including weekends from Jan. 5th through Jan. 12th. Feel free to leave voicemail, too. One minute each. You can call every day.**
2. **Here's who to call and what to say:**
 - State Senate President **Nicholas Scutari (732-827-7480)**: "Please ensure the safety of my neighbors by enabling the Immigrant Protection Bills to come to a full Senate vote. Thank you, goodbye." Then hang up.
 - State Assembly Speaker **Craig Coughlin (732-855-7441)**: "Please ensure the safety of my neighbors by enabling the Immigrant Protection Bills to come to a full Assembly vote. Thank you, goodbye." Then hang up.
 - Call your own state senator and assembly people, too. Find out who they are here: 609-847-3905 or here: <https://www.nileg.state.nj.us/legislative-roster>

Join Us for Our First Immigration Committee Gathering in CRI's New Meeting Space (lots of parking, various work spaces, and an elevator await you)

Join us for our Immigration Committee meeting on January 20th from 6-7:45 p.m. at Haddonfield United Methodist Church. New Jersey's Office of New Americans will present information about the services its office provides. The remaining time will be used to continue planning actions and events in smaller teams while building community. All are welcome.

[RSVP to Our January 20th Immigration Meeting Here](#)

Ring in the New Year with Stitches for Solidarity All Are Welcome



Stitches for Solidarity is a group of CRI sewers/quilters/knitters who are interested in putting their needles to work for spreading caring and kindness in these troubled times. Since last August, our group has created 15 fabric quilts, 35 crocheted blankets, over 50 knitted and crocheted hats, scarves, and mittens, as well as hundreds of Embracelets that are used to raise funds to support the families of ICE detainees.

All skill levels are welcome! Even if you've never made a quilt or worked with yarn or embroidery floss before, we'll need people to cut and iron fabric, roll yarn balls, and sort beads at the event (and you may end up learning how to use a needle or crochet hook along the way!).

Join us and spread kindness with the warmth of a handmade item that embraces someone in need!

[RSVP for Stitches for Solidarity Here -- Thursday, January 8th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.](#)

Unity in Action: Politics and Coffee Talk

BREWING IDEAS TOGETHER

Join for conversation, community, and fresh ideas. Coffee and Politics Talk is the perfect space to connect with like-minded people, exchange experiences, and enjoy the finest coffee in town.

Location: Sabrina's Cafe, 714 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108 Let's grab coffee and/or a meal together. Please keep your rsvp current, as I will be making a reservation.

[RSVP Here for Politics and Coffee Talk](#)

Spanish Conversation Club

Join us for a fun and relaxed gathering where we practice speaking Spanish in a supportive, judgment-free environment! Whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or fluent speaker, this club is all about building confidence, improving fluency, and connecting with others who share a love for the language.

What to expect: Casual conversation practice in small groups Themed prompts and games to spark discussion Cultural tidbits from Spanish-speaking countries

[RSVP for Spanish Conversation Club](#)

Spanish Class!



Join this fun Spanish class! Build your language skills while developing the confidence needed to communicate with and advocate for our Spanish-speaking neighbors. Beginners and all levels of Spanish are welcome.

Thursday, January 15TH, from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. at the Voorhees library in meeting room C.

[RSVP here for our next drop-in Spanish Class.](#)

CUT THIS CARD OUT & SLIDE UNDER THE DOOR

Officer: I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution. I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you can slide under the door. I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

IF YOU SEE ICE... Spread info, not fear!

Identify the 1) time, 2) exact location, and 3) take a photo or video of what you are seeing. Send it to Movimiento Cosecha or call your local rapid response hotline

Report ICE sightings & learn how to respond at Movimiento Cosecha's North NJ toolkit below

Call DIRE's Rapid Response HOTLINE (1-888-347-3767)

or reach us on social media @Radio_Cosecha @cosechanj



DEFENDING OUR COMMUNITY AGAINST ICE



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Scan this link for Movimiento Cosecha's North NJ toolkit of legal, organizing, & community resources.

Keep yourself updated on Movimiento Cosecha on social media. @cosechanj @radio_cosecha



[Click here to download and share this "If You See ICE" flyer in English and Spanish.](#)

Together we can.



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