

## Recommendations

Across the country, states are standing up to this administration's racist and cruel attacks on immigrant communities by passing legislation to protect their residents from the unnecessary and cruel threat of detention and deportation.

New York should immediately pass these three meaningful reforms to ensure that all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, are entitled to safety, dignity and due process.

- New York's one year maximum potential sentence for A misdemeanors can have extraordinary, harsh, and disproportionate consequences for immigrant New Yorkers—including green card holders, asylees, and victims of domestic violence. We support the **One Day to Protect New Yorkers** legislation which will reduce the maximum potential sentence on class A misdemeanor offenses by just one day--from 365 to 364 days--in order to reduce a host of disproportionate and unintended immigration consequences that inevitably tear New York families apart.
- New York must ensure that all of its residents are able to interact with local and state police without fear of immigration consequences. We support a **TRUST Act** piece of legislation that will restrict all New York municipal or state law enforcement agencies from submitting to federal immigration detainer requests not signed by a judge and from sharing personal confidential information with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Enforcement (CBP). A New York TRUST Act will protect and build trust between law enforcement agencies and immigrant communities by limiting local police involvement in federal immigration enforcement.
- We support the **Protect Our Courts Act**, legislation which would significantly curb the predatory ICE apprehension activities in New York State Courthouses by prohibiting the warrantless arrest of immigrants seeking access to justice in our state legal systems. Since the election of President Trump, ICE has increasingly targeted immigrants in New York State courts. From 2016 to 2017, ICE operations in our courts jumped by an alarming 1200%. A statewide survey conducted by the Immigrant Defense Project found that nearly 3 in 4 attorneys have clients who are too scared to go to court. Our state courts cannot ensure that equal justice is served when immigrant New Yorkers are scared to walk through the courthouse doors.