



Vote NO on H.R. 5717, No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act, and H.R. 7909, Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act

The Immigrant Justice Network urges your boss to **vote NO** on [H.R. 5717](#), No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act and **vote NO** on [H.R. 7909](#), Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act which are scheduled for a House floor vote later this week.

The Immigrant Justice Network (IJN) is a leading advocacy voice against the criminalization of immigrants in the United States. Grounded in racial justice values, we build power to defend the dignity of all immigrants. We fight for a world where our communities are thriving and free from policing, deportation, and imprisonment. IJN seeks to address the needs of people caught in the intersection of the criminal and immigration systems. The Immigrant Justice Network is a collaboration between [SEARAC](#), [PUENTE](#), [Families for Freedom](#), [Grassroots Leadership](#), [WAISN](#), [Immigrant Defense Project](#), the [National Immigration Project](#), [Just Futures Law](#), and the [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#).

The Immigrant Justice Network urges your boss to vote no and speak out to condemn H.R. 5717 and H.R. 7909. These bills are attacks against immigrants and against sanctuary policies designed to allow immigrant community members to live their lives with safety and dignity. These bills reinforce racist, false narratives and seek to exploit tragic incidents of crime to try to paint the entire immigrant community with a broad brush. In reality, local “sanctuary” policies that seek to protect their residents make communities safer and build trust with integral local institutions, like schools and public health agencies. Anti-sanctuary bills are cynical political maneuvers meant to spread misinformation and create fear among communities across the country.

H.R. 5717, No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act, would allow the federal government to use funding to coerce cities into making anti-immigrant local policies.

- Guts federal funding for localities who do not agree to participate in immigration enforcement with the federal government, including for critical programs vital for community safety and well-being such as education and school meals, transportation, emergency Medicaid and many others.

- Harms everyone in these jurisdictions who rely on federal funding to provide essential services to all community members.

H.R. 7909, Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act, claims to protect victims of domestic violence but in reality would place them in danger and subject them to harassment, detention, and potentially deportation.

- Continues a disturbing effort to arrest and deport immigrants who have never even been convicted of a crime, in direct conflict with due process rights afforded to all defendants in the criminal legal system.
- Prosecutes immigrant domestic violence survivors for not “protecting” their children from the abuse they are all suffering from. This bill mistakenly blames survivors rather than supporting them and providing the resources needed to recover and build a safe life.

We urge your boss to vote NO on these bills that will hurt communities across the country.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

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