

ACTION ALERT

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House Immigration Bills: Take Action Now

This week the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on two immigration bills, *No Sanctuary for Criminals Act*, H.R. 3003 and *Kate's Law*, H.R. 3004.

We ask that you contact your Representative by phone and explain these bills would be harmful to immigrant crime victims and immigrant victims of sexual and domestic violence.

Contact your Representatives

Please use the following link to find the contact information for your Representative: <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Short Talking Points

- I work with immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence
- I ask the Representative (you will likely get a staff person) to oppose the *No Sanctuary for Criminals Act*, H.R. 3003 and *Kate's Law*, H.R. 3004 because these laws would harm immigrant crime victims, even if they are not intended to do so.
- The immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault I work with are already afraid to call law enforcement because of recent ICE arrests.
- Bills like these seriously discourage victims from seeking help from local law enforcement and from accessing the services we provide.
- Kate's law would turn many victims of crime into criminals and give another weapon of power and control to abusers, rapists, and human traffickers.
- Please vote against these bills that will force immigrant victims to hide from safety and justice.
- When victims of crime are afraid to seek help, all our communities are less safe.

Longer Talking Points

The [attached](#) national letter will be sent tomorrow, and contains more details on the connections between domestic violence and these dangerous bills.

Background Info

No Sanctuary for Criminals Act, H.R. 3003 – this bill would punish jurisdictions for their “sanctuary city” status and runs contrary to community policing efforts and would deter immigrant domestic violence and sexual assault survivors from reporting crimes and seeking help for themselves and their children.

Kate's Law, H.R. 3004 – this bill increases penalties for individuals who re-enter the United States after being denied admission or removed, offers sentencing enhancements, and removed the ability to challenge removal orders. It also does so without recognizing the compelling humanitarian circumstances in which victims who have been previously removed return for their safety.

Best,

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