



# Monroe County Legislature

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To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
39 West Main Street  
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**Re: Memorializing the New York State Legislature to reintroduce and pass, and the Governor to sign A.3506/S.2235, also known as the New York for All Act**

Honorable Legislators:

The New York for All Act (A.3506 / S.2235) would prohibit and regulate the discovery and disclosure of immigration status by New York State and local government entities.

Immigrants are integral to the fabric of communities across New York State, including here in Monroe County. They are our neighbors, coworkers, caregivers, and small business owners. Immigrants make up nearly a quarter of the state's population and contribute billions in taxes and economic activity every year.

New York has made important strides in protecting the rights and dignity of immigrant residents, including expanding access to driver's licenses, tuition assistance, and legal defense. However, gaps in state and local policies continue to leave immigrant New Yorkers vulnerable to federal immigration enforcement through unnecessary collection and disclosure of immigration status.

Policies which allow state and local agencies to share this information not only place individuals at risk of detention and deportation—they also undermine public safety. When immigrant residents fear interactions with local law enforcement or government officials, they are less likely to report crimes, seek assistance, or access critical services. Research shows communities with policies limiting cooperation with ICE experience *lower* crime rates and *stronger* economic outcomes.

The New York for All Act would establish consistent, statewide standards to prevent entanglement with federal immigration enforcement. Specifically, the bill would:

- Prohibit state and local agencies from inquiring about or disclosing a person's immigration status unless required by law;
- Require transparency and reporting of all communications between state/local entities and federal immigration enforcement;
- Bar ICE from entering non-public areas of government property without a judicial warrant;

- Ensure individuals held in local jails are informed of their rights, including the right to decline ICE interviews and the right to legal counsel.

Immigrant New Yorkers deserve to be treated with dignity and equal protection under the law—regardless of which agency or jurisdiction they encounter. Passage of the New York for All Act would make New York a leader in protecting immigrant communities and strengthening trust between government and the people it serves.

We respectfully urge the Legislature to pass—and the Governor to sign—this vital legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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