



Effective Public Safety Requires Public Trust.

The role of state and local government is to promote the health, safety and well-being of all Minnesotans. **The North STAR Act does this by ensuring that state and local resources are not used for civil immigration enforcement.** This way, all Minnesotans can access the services they deserve without fear of detention and deportation. **The North STAR Act does not prevent cooperation with Federal law enforcement as part of state or Federal criminal investigations.**

Blurring the lines between law enforcement and immigration enforcement hurts trust within the immigrant community. It diverts public safety resources from their intended purpose of promoting the health, safety and well-being of all of us. The North STAR Act ensures that county jails are used for criminal law enforcement only, and not for immigrants detained by ICE.

Immigrants Strengthen Minnesota.

There are **over 500,000 non-citizen residents in Minnesota, hailing from every part of the world.** They are working, tax paying, contributing members of our society. They support families and enrich our state.

Immigrants spend over \$12.4 billion annually in the state of Minnesota, and contribute more than \$22.4 billion to the state's GDP.

Immigrants are essential workers. Many "essential jobs," including food service workers and health care workers, are staffed by immigrants. Employers statewide are looking for workers to fill these jobs.

Immigrants make up almost 7% of farm workers. They are vital to agricultural production in our state. **Their work feeds their families and yours.**

10%

of Minnesota's 5.7 million residents are immigrants.

20%

of Minnesota children are part of immigrant families.

75%

of all adult immigrants in Minnesota work full time, and contributed

\$2.9 billion

in federal taxes and,

\$1.5 billion

in state taxes in 2018.

Safer without Detention.

Many immigrants don't trust law enforcement because it often operates as an immigration enforcer. This creates fear that they may be turned over to ICE for detention.

Because of this, they do everything they can to remain under the radar. They don't report crimes or seek emergency services. **In fact, they are more often the victims of crimes that go unreported and unaddressed.** This is the opposite of "safety" in our communities.

Almost 2/3 of those held in ICE detention have no criminal record. Many have only minor offenses, including traffic violations that result in local law enforcement handing them over to ICE. In some cases, people are detained by local enforcement for ICE based on their perceived ethnicity alone.

ICE detention often removes a primary breadwinner from immigrant households. This can push families into financial crisis. When parents are at home to care for elders and children, families are safer and healthier, and they use fewer state and local social services.

We All Benefit:

Immigrants

will be free to live, work, seek medical care and emergency services without fear, remaining valuable members of the communities they help to create.

Employers

will benefit from a larger, more stable workforce as many immigrants will now feel safer applying to and working at formal jobs, contributing needed skills, paying taxes and supporting our economy.

Law Enforcement

Can use resources freed up from immigration investigation and enforcement on more appropriate public safety related tasks, leaving immigration violations in the hands of Federal agencies.

All Minnesotans

will be safer because immigrants who trust law enforcement are more willing to work with law enforcement, healthier because immigrants will make greater use of health-care services, and better off financially because of the increased productivity of our immigrant neighbors.



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The North STAR Alliance includes dozens of faith-based and social justice organizations representing more than one million Minnesota residents statewide who see this legislation as an urgent moral imperative that will benefit us all. Alliance members believe in the dignity of every human being, without exception. Enacting this legislation is the morally, economically and legally right thing to do. This legislation will make our immigrant neighbors feel welcomed and respected.