

Thursday, February 20, 2025

**Re: Vote “No” On H.R. 32, *No Bailout Act*, Reject Attacks on State and Local Governments**

Dear Representative,

On behalf of millions of Ohioans, we the undersigned groups write to express our grave concern regarding H.R. 32, the [No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act](#), a bill that would cut off vital services to communities across our state -- from Meals on Wheels to the local bus line. Ohio families count on these vital services, and Congress should not put them in jeopardy by enacting this bill. **We urge you to vote NO on this bill.**

This bill would strip a state or local government of federal funds it “intends to use for the benefit” of undocumented immigrants. The bill specifically names federal funding for “food, shelter, healthcare services, legal services, and transportation,” but leaves the door open to “any” funding being cut.

We fear the actual result of this bill **would be a funding cut off across the board of critical services to all our community members**. As you well know, state and local agencies do not generally segregate their funding allocations for citizens versus noncitizens, let alone noncitizens without legal status versus all others.

Just weeks ago, we saw the chaos that ensued as the Trump administration attempted to freeze federal funding through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). and we have no doubt the same chaos, confusion and suspension of services will occur if his administration is able to wield this bill to freeze funding to the hundreds of cities and dozens of states impacted. State and local employees—social workers, police officers, teachers, bus drivers, and more—stand to lose funding they rely on to do their jobs serving our communities.

Local communities should be able to focus their limited resources on local community needs. Congress should not effectively force cities and states to devote local resources to immigration enforcement—that is a federal responsibility being outsourced to state and local governments with no recompense.



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For decades, all local jurisdictions have shared the fingerprints of people booked in custody with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to see if they have outstanding warrants against them. The FBI shares that information with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which includes ICE. That means DHS is already notified of every single individual taken into state or local custody, regardless of “sanctuary” status.

We strongly urge you to make clear your opposition to H.R. 32. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jocelyn Rosnick, policy director, ACLU of Ohio, at [jrosnick@acluohio.org](mailto:jrosnick@acluohio.org).

Sincerely,

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Northwest Ohio Peace Coalition

Ohio Immigrant Alliance

Ohioans Against Extremism

OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership

Peacekeepers at the Polls

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