



INTERFAITH DAY OF ACTION FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

2026 Maryland Legislative Session

As a coalition of faith leaders from across the State representing people of Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and other nondenominational faiths and people of no faith, we are united by our belief of love for our neighbors and our duty to welcome the stranger. Religious scripture, teaching, and traditions offer clear, repeated, and irrefutable unanimity on their obligation to embrace, serve, and defend the refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants in their midst without regard to documentation or legal status.

Immigrant Justice Package

We support and urge your support of the
Community Trust Act and the Data Privacy Act

Community Trust Act HB1575/SB791

Sponsored by
Delegate Phillips and
Senator Lam

Reinforces Maryland values by ensuring that Maryland is not complicit and will not collude with ICE to funnel residents into the mass deportation machine. Families belong together and no one should be trafficked to ICE for deportation, not with our local tax dollars and local resources. This bill would prohibit Maryland law enforcement from notifying ICE or transferring people into deportation custody without a valid judicial warrant.

Data Privacy Act HB711/SB504

Sponsored by
Delegate Charkoudian and
Senator Lam

Shores up data privacy protections of personal and other identifying data. ICE has powerful surveillance capabilities fueled by for-profit data brokers and this bill is needed to rein in the for-profit surveillance industry and protect and keep immigrant families together.

Every human being, regardless of their place of birth, is a child of God worthy of dignity, care, and love. While we have not seen the federal government embracing these values, we hope that Maryland, with your leadership, will show the type of state it wishes to be: one that values its immigrant neighbors and that will uphold their right to human dignity, inclusion, and belonging.

