



## **Advocating for Immigrant Rights: A Call for Action**

At the Cultural Compassion Alliance, we believe every immigrant deserves equal opportunities to succeed. Amid new, stricter immigration policies under the current administration, advocating for immigrant rights is more urgent than ever. Immigrants play a vital role in shaping Massachusetts, contributing to its diversity, economy, and cultural vibrancy.

### **Contributions to Massachusetts' Community**

Immigrants make up over 17% of Massachusetts' population, bringing cultural richness from countries such as China, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, India, and Haiti. Despite facing barriers like limited pathways to citizenship, they continue to pursue higher education and actively support their communities through volunteer work. DACA recipients, in particular, show resilience by contributing to local organizations while navigating uncertainty regarding their status.

### **Impact on the Economy**

Immigrants are essential to the state's economy, holding one in five jobs and driving industries like healthcare, technology, and education. Nearly 30% of workers in STEM fields are immigrants, showcasing their contributions to innovation and growth. Additionally, immigrant-owned businesses generate billions in revenue, supporting local economies and creating jobs, even as they face new policy challenges.

### **Service During Crisis**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, immigrants worked on the front lines, from hospitals to food services, often without financial relief. Their sacrifices were crucial to public health and economic stability, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to the community.

### **Standing Together for Change**

With immigration protections such as DACA under threat, our commitment to supporting immigrant communities is stronger than ever. The Cultural Compassion Alliance remains

dedicated to advocating for just policies, celebrating diversity, and ensuring inclusiveness for all.

To every immigrant who calls Massachusetts home: We see you, we honor you, and we stand with you.

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