

Resolution
Thanking VA Legislators for Passing Legislation that
Reins In Federal Immigration Enforcement & Protects the Rights of All Virginians,
and
Urging Gov. Spanberger to Enact These Bills

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Deadly clashes with Immigration, Customs, and Enforcement (ICE) agents have happened across the country, and ICE has arrested thousands of Virginians since 2025. In response, the Democrats whom we elected to the Virginia General Assembly - including the entire Alexandria delegation - have passed bills intended to ensure that the Commonwealth remains a place where every resident, regardless of their citizenship status, can contribute to our collective success without fear. Mayor Gaskins and the City Council have [endorsed this effort](#), including testifying in support of the legislation. These bills include:

- [HB650](#) and [SB351](#): Protecting Virginia courthouses, polling places, hospitals, and schools from Immigration, Customs, and Enforcement (ICE) activity unless ICE obtains a judicial arrest warrant;
- [HB1441](#) and [SB783](#): Significantly restricting local law enforcement co-operation with ICE;
- [HB1482](#) and [SB352](#): Prohibiting on-duty state and federal law enforcement from masking, and requiring them to wear visible identification;
- [HB836](#) and [SB491](#): Ensuring that no Virginia child can be denied a free public education through secondary school, regardless of the actual or perceived immigration or citizenship status of the child or the child's parents; and
- [HB675](#): Prohibiting employers from committing wage theft based on coercion or threats based on employee immigration status.

Together, this legislative package will ensure that children can attend school, victims and witnesses can access our courts, and patients can seek medical care without the threat of arbitrary civil arrest. It will establish responsible, professional standards for immigration related law enforcement. And it will allow Virginians to work without fear of immigration based coercion. But for this package to become law, Governor Spanberger must sign these bills.

Therefore, today, April 6, 2026, the membership of the Alexandria Democratic Committee resolves to:

- 1) Thank the Alexandria legislative delegation, Chief Patrons Lopez, Salim, Rasoul, Pekarsky, Callsen, Schmidt, and Maldonado, and the Democratic leadership of the General Assembly for their commitment to addressing these issues; and**
- 2) Urge Governor Spanberger to sign all of this legislation into Virginia law.**

