



ACLU-MN FIREWALL FOR FREEDOM — IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES

We are calling for Minnesota government leaders to act now to strengthen protections against attempted civil liberties violations within the state. This initial set of urgent priorities will create a state firewall against some of the harms we know the Trump administration will seek to inflict, particularly on marginalized people. The opportunity to build a first-level firewall for freedom is immediate and urgent.

Expand Privacy Protections

Expanded privacy protections are needed to insulate immigrants, the LGBTQ+ community, and people seeking reproductive and gender-affirming healthcare:

Construct a firewall against the use of state resources for federal anti-civil rights criminal prosecutions and enforcement measures.

Limit how companies and law enforcement may collect, use, and share data to explicitly protect against civil rights abuses and disclosures to law enforcement without legal process.

Protect health-related information not already protected by HIPAA, including information in health and fitness apps, period trackers, and financial and location information that could all be used against Minnesotans seeking reproductive or gender-affirming healthcare.

Protect the LGBTQ+ Community

Ensure the highest possible protections for LGBTQ+ students with a particular emphasis on transgender and nonbinary students.

Ensure the self-reporting of gender identity - refuse to investigate an individual's sex assigned at birth.

Prioritize Equal Rights and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Pass the Equal Rights Amendment and enshrine the highest protection for Minnesotans against discrimination based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sex, including pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive freedom, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

Guide school districts in implementing state laws that prohibit censorship and in establishing an inclusive curriculum that accurately reflects historical events and promotes anti-racism.



Protect Immigrants

Establish expedited processes to consider pardons for thousands of longtime immigrant Minnesotans facing deportation because of their state level convictions.

Limit use of state and local resources in deportation and immigrant detention operations.

Coordinate state and local government response to mass raids.

Oppose and denounce the use of the federalized National Guard or Military against immigrant Minnesotans and nonviolent protestors.

Ensure resources, training, and guidance to fully implement Drivers Licenses For All law, limiting applicants' vulnerability to deportation and immigration proceedings.

Limit immigration consequences of criminal charging decisions.

Limit immigration consequences of criminal proceedings through guidance and resources for local prosecutors so they understand how their charging decisions can impact immigration status.

Address Gap in Policing Investigations

Authorize attorney general to initiate pattern or practice investigations and lawsuits against law enforcement engaged in civil rights violations.

Protect Protest Rights

Encourage all law enforcement agencies in the state to uphold the right to peaceful protest and dissent and adopt the Minnesota POST Board's Model Policy on Public Assembly and First Amendment Activity.