

## A Maine Pledge To Protect the Civil Rights of Immigrants

The following letter was circulated for signatures in November 2016 to organizations, schools and colleges, faith communities, and elected officials in the state of Maine in response to rising acts of racism and xenophobia, anti-immigrant political rhetoric, and the resulting fears and uncertainties faced by immigrant communities. With thanks to the signatories who have pledged to protect civil rights, please circulate, share, and post this letter.

**To our immigrant friends, neighbors, colleagues, and fellow community members: We support and pledge to defend your civil rights and to work toward building communities of compassion, dignity, and safety for all.**

إلى المهاجرين الأصدقاء والجيران والزملاء، والزملاء أعضاء الجمعيات.  
نحن بفخر ندعم حقوقكم المدنية ونتعهد بالعمل نحو بناء مجتمعات الرحمة والكرامة والسلامة للجميع.

**Ku socota: saaxiibadeen, dariskeenna, iyo bulshadeenna oo dhan: Waxaan taageeraynaa oon xushmad u haynaa xuquuqdiina rayad ahaan waxanan ballan qaadaynaa inaan ka wada shaqaynaynaasidaan u dhisi lahayn bulsho isjecel, is xushmaysa oo amaan ah.**

**À nos amis immigrants, à nos voisins, à nos collègues, et aux membres des communautés: Nous soutenons et honorons vos droits civiques et nous nous engageons à travailler pour bâtir des communautés de compassion, de dignité et de sécurité pour tous.**

**Para nuestros amigos, vecinos, y colegas inmigrantes y para los miembros de la comunidad: Apoyamos y respetamos a sus derechos civiles y estamos comprometidos a trabajar para construir comunidades llenos de compasión, de dignidad y de seguridad para todos.**

**Aos nossos amigos, vizinhos e colegas imigrantes e aos membros da comunidade: Apoiamos e respeitamos dos seus direitos civis e estamos empenhados em trabalhar para construir comunidades cheias de compaixão, dignidade e segurança para todos.**

### Signed,

Abbey of HOPE (Hands of Peace Extended)	Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine	Portland City Councilor At Large, Jon Hinck
ACLU of Maine	Ladder to the Moon Network	Portland City Councilor, Belinda Ray
Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church	Lewiston City Council President, Kristen Cloutier	Portland Public Schools, Xavier Botana, Superintendent
Angolan Community of Maine	Lewiston City Councilor, Jim Lysen	Portland School Board and At Large
President, Bates College	Lewiston School Committee Member, Megan Parks	Portland City Councilor, Pious Ali
Catholic Charities of Maine	Light Mission Church	Preble Street
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Living With Peace	Rabbi Jared Saks, Congregation Bet Ha'am
Community Financial Literacy	Maine Access Immigrant Network (MAIN)	Rwandese Community Association
Congolese Community Association of Maine (CoCo Maine)	Maine Association for New Americans (MANA)	St. Ansgar Lutheran Church
Congregation Bet Ha'am	Maine Council of Churches	St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center
Dd Swan Consulting	Maine Equal Justice Partners	Saint Joseph's College
Education Program, Colby College	Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services (MIRS)	St. Luke's Cathedral (Episcopalian), Portland
Empower the Immigrant Woman	Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition (MIRC)	St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Portland
First Parish Portland Unitarian Universalist	Maine Migrant Health Program	Sisters of Mercy of the Americas – Portland Area
First Universalist Church of Auburn, Unitarian Universalist	Maine People's Alliance	Slim Peace
First Universalist Church of Yarmouth	Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN)	Somali Bantu Community of Lewiston, Maine
Frannie Peabody Center	Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellows	Somali Community Center of Maine
Furniture Friends	Mayor Ethan Strimling, City of Portland	Southern Maine Worker's Center
Greater Portland Family Promise	Morning Glory Arts Therapy	State Representative, Peggy Rotundo
Greater Portland Health	NAACP Portland Branch	State Representative, Rachel Talbot Ross
Harward Center, Bates College	New England Arab American Association	Sustainable Livelihoods Relief Organization
Hispanic Ministry, Portland Diocese	New England Yearly Meeting of Friends (Quakers)	Temple Beth El, Portland
Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine	New Mainers Alliance	Treetop Zen Center
Hope Acts	New Mainers Public Health Initiative	Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland
HopeGateWay United Methodist Church, Portland	New Mainers Political Action Committee	Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco and Biddeford
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP)	New Mainers Resource Center	Dean, University of Maine School of Law
Immigrant Resource Center of Maine	New Mainers Tenants' Association	President, University of Southern Maine
In Her Presence	Oak Institute for the Study of International Human Rights, Colby College	Welcoming Immigrants Network
Iraqi Community Association of Maine	Portland Adult Education	Welcoming the Stranger
		YMCA of Southern Maine

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