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# IINE Advocacy Calls to Action



## Support the Immigrant Legal Defense Act: (Amendment #847)

**Level:** State

**Branch:** Massachusetts Senate

### Call or Email Script

Subject: Support the Immigrant Legal Defense Act (Amendment #847)

Dear Senator [Last Name],

"Hello, my name is [Your Name], I live at [full address], and can be reached at [phone number, email address].

I'm [calling/writing] to urge Senator [Last Name] to support the Immigrant Legal Defense Act (Amendment #847) creating free legal services for immigrants who lack access to representation, particularly those being targeted for deportation. Please fight to include this funding in the FY26 budget.

Lack of access to immigration legal services was already at crisis level before the anti-immigrant policies of the current presidential administration, with impossibly long waiting lists for pro bono services and many immigrants being preyed upon by fraudsters.

Now, as immigrant community members are being targeted and denied due process, they have no legal right to a government-paid lawyer in immigration court.

Immigrants are five times more likely to win relief from deportation if they are represented by counsel. In Massachusetts, 55% of immigrants with pending cases are navigating their proceedings without a lawyer.

*[Add a line or two of personal perspective.]*

Thank you for [listening/considering] and for your action on this.