



Iowa Immigration Education Coalition Member Statement

As Iowa's leaders in business, labor, education, civil rights, religion, health care, and more, representing a broad spectrum of constituencies and political viewpoints, it is our collective belief that public policy must reflect common-sense solutions while treating all people with equal respect and dignity, including people who migrate to the United States from other countries. The goal of the Iowa Immigration Education Coalition is to educate the public, community leaders, and Iowa's policymakers about the value of immigrants and immigration to Iowa and the United States, and why our current laws are neither in our best interest nor represent our welcoming tradition.

➤ **Immigrants contribute to Iowa's economy.**

Immigrants are a valuable and important constituency in Iowa's workforce. People who migrate from other countries to Iowa own businesses and are employed in jobs across the workforce and income spectrum. Additionally, immigrants contribute financially to Iowa's tax base and have a positive impact on the financial stability of Iowa's communities. Iowa must demonstrate a welcoming atmosphere to maintain and enhance its economic viability, population, workforce and quality of life.

➤ **Iowa is a welcoming state.**

As leaders in Iowa, we value the gifts a diverse population brings to the landscape of our state and its communities. We urge impartial public dialogue and common-sense public policy which creates an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion based on facts and pragmatism.

➤ **Immigration policy is the responsibility of the Federal government.**

It is critical to the welfare of our nation for fair and humane, comprehensive and consistent immigration policies to be implemented by the Federal government; common-sense policies which respect the economic and social contributions of people who migrate to our country.

By signing on as an individual or organizational member of the Iowa Immigration Education Coalition, you join your colleagues in calling upon Iowa's leaders and the public to work together to strengthen Iowa and our American civil democracy in which the dignity and contributions of all people are respected. Your name may be used in material to promote the mission and work of the Iowa Immigration Education Coalition.

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