



## News Briefs

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### Help fight the Muslim Ban in CA

There are a few bills currently in the state legislature that are strong statements against the policies of the administration that are targeting Muslims, including the Muslim travel ban and the possibility of an Arab/Muslim registry. Here's a quick rundown and links at the end for how to get in touch with your State Senators. We commend the ACLU-Northern California's statement about President Trump's shameful Executive Order and their rundown of these bills. [You can find their statement here.](#)

1. [Senate Bill 31](#), the "California Religious Freedom Act": This bill, if passed, would ensure that California does not participate in any federal program that targets and registers Muslims. This is an important statement by the state of California. I'd remind you that members of President Trump's inner circle floated the idea of a "Muslim Registry" several times over the course of the campaign. Our friends at the Electronic Frontier Foundation have a handy [action alert on SB 31 here](#).
2. [Senate Bill 54](#), the "California Values Act": This bill builds on SB 54 to put specific restrictions on what data local law enforcement is allowed to share, and it also calls on all state agencies to update their confidentiality policies to make sure there isn't an over-collection of data happening. Our friends at the Electronic Frontier Foundation have a handy [action alert on SB 54 here](#).
3. [Assembly Bill 3](#), the "Strengthening Public Defenders Act": This bill provides that no Californian can face mandatory detention or deportation without access to legal counsel.

Here are helpful items for you to take action now:

- [Find & Contact your State Legislature](#)
- Sample email (or repurpose for a script below for your phone call!)



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*Dear Assembly Member NAME,*

*As your constituent, I write in strong support of AB 3, SB 31, and SB 54. These bills are important safeguards against the imposition of a "Muslim Ban" or "Muslim registry" in our state. I believe we should do all that is in our power to do as a state to protect vulnerable communities from harmful, discriminatory, and bigoted federal immigration enforcement.*

*All Californians, including immigrant communities who contribute to the continuing success of California, should be protected. Because of the support of immigrant communities California is one of the largest economies in the world and a leader in innovative technologies.*

*Your support is crucial to the success of these bills. With your help California can set the national standard for what an inclusive and supportive community looks like.*

*I urge you to support and vote in favor of these bills.*

*Sincerely,*

*Your name + address*