

PROTECT PLACES OF WORSHIP

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**PROTECTING SENSITIVE
LOCATIONS ACT**
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THE PROBLEM

For three decades, federal policy limited immigration enforcement in or near places where people worship, learn, receive medical care, and access essential services. The federal government rescinded that policy in January 2025.

Without clear legal protections, immigration enforcement at or near houses of worship can create fear throughout a congregation. People stop attending services, participating in religious life, or seeking assistance because they fear exposing themselves or their families to enforcement.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MUST BE LIVED

Religious freedom depends on people being able to gather, worship, and participate in community life without fear.

Houses of worship are spaces of conscience and community. They are where people pray, educate their children, care for their neighbors, and seek support during difficult moments. When government action prevents people from safely entering these spaces, it interferes with the ability of individuals to practice their faith and congregations to fulfill their religious missions.

Protecting sensitive locations protects conscience, belonging, and the freedom to worship.

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WHAT THE BILL WOULD DO

The Protecting Sensitive Locations Act would:

- Generally limit immigration enforcement actions at or within 1,000 feet of designated sensitive locations.
- Protect houses of worship, religious ceremonies, schools, child care centers, health care facilities, courthouses, shelters, social service providers, polling places, and other essential community spaces.
- Preserve limited exceptions for exigent circumstances involving imminent danger, extraordinary threats to public safety, national security, or other specifically defined emergencies.
- Require training, written documentation, and reporting when immigration enforcement occurs at or near a sensitive location.
- Establish enforceable protections in federal law rather than leaving them subject to changes in administrative policy.

Congress should ensure that people can enter a house of worship, attend school, receive medical care, and seek essential services without fear.

ABOUT BJC

Rooted in a Baptist commitment to soul liberty, BJC works to make religious freedom possible in courts, communities, and the public square.