



KANSAS FIREWALL FOR FREEDOM

The Trump Administration is already launching unprecedented attacks on civil rights and civil liberties. Here are critical steps that state policymakers can take to defend the constitutional rights of Kansans.

CONSTRUCT A FIREWALL AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Issue guidance and/or instructions to state employees to construct a firewall against the use of state resources for Trump administration anti-civil rights criminal prosecutions and enforcement measures.

PASS SHIELD LAW PROTECTIONS

Pass “shield law” policies that attempt to shield those who provide, seek, and help others obtain abortion care and gender-affirming care in Kansas from civil or criminal repercussions initiated under other states’ laws.

INCREASE ACCESS TO VOTING

Enact laws that increase access to voting, including laws that establish/improve/expand same-day voter registration, automatic voter registration, early voting, and mail voting; require relevant state agencies to provide voter registration opportunities in agency interactions with residents; end felony disenfranchisement; and create state-level voting rights acts that protect against racial discrimination in voting.

PROTECT PROTEST AND DISSENT

Issue guidance to state police departments about policing protests in ways that uphold the right to peaceable protest and dissent.

PARDON IMMIGRANTS TO PREVENT DEPORTATION

Establish processes to consider pardons for thousands of longtime immigrant residents who face deportation because of their state-level convictions.

LIMIT POLICE CONTACTS

Reduce the population of people vulnerable to police contracts under a Trump administration by repealing low-level offenses that do not impact public safety and/or create a risk of unconstitutional policing.

PROTECT COMMUNITIES FROM IMMIGRATION RAIDS & DEPORTATIONS

Issue guidance to state law enforcement prohibiting assistance in immigration raids and related operations. Instruct state employees on how to respond to federal requests for security and logistical support for raids.

AFFIRM DEI PROGRAMS

Enact and expand DEI programs across state and local agencies and incorporate DEI goals into economic tools and policies.