



Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee,

The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota is an organization devoted to preserving the rights and liberties enshrined in our constitution and laws.

We are writing in opposition to HF 1323.

This bill aims to stop undocumented immigrants and noncitizens from accessing state funded financial aid and scholarship programs.

We believe that this would deny people meaningful access to higher education. At a time when higher education is becoming increasingly unaffordable, Minnesota should not be making it even more difficult for students to get educated.

Regardless of immigration status, people should not be barred from accessing state aid and public funding. Undocumented immigrants pay taxes, work in our communities, and abide by Minnesota law. They should have the same access and opportunities as other Minnesotans.

The ACLU has fought to preserve equality of access when it comes to public benefits. We will continue to oppose discrimination based on immigration status and to fight for the equality of all Minnesotans under the law.

We urge the committee to vote against HF 1323.

Thank you,

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