

Letters: End Philly's cooperation with immigration agency

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Many Philadelphians recognize immigrants not as a threat, but as neighbors. Even undocumented immigrants are an integral part of our economy and society, this city and nation.

Sharing police department information with **Immigration** and Customs Enforcement (ICE) undermines immigrants' trust and, thereby, results in their refusal to report crimes or come forward as witnesses, leaving us all vulnerable. Reporting information on people who have not been convicted also violates due process and the presumption of innocence, fundamentals of our justice system.

Congregations and immigrant communities across this city commend Mayor Nutter for wanting to **end** the city's **cooperation** with ICE ("Nutter tells why he opposes **Immigration** access to arrest records," Friday). We now call on District Attorney Seth Williams to stop giving ICE access to the Police Department's Preliminary Arraignment Reporting System.

Working for justice and making room for the foreigner are integral to the national stories we celebrate at this time of year and in this city. District Attorney Williams, let's make history in Philadelphia again.

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