

TURN OUTRAGE INTO ACTION

The attacks on our rights and our democracy aren't letting up – and neither is the ACLU. Our **Power & Purpose** Training is a free, high-impact, one-day experience designed to give you the tools to organize, mobilize, and lead in this critical moment. Join us to understand the threat of authoritarianism and the power of mass nonviolent resistance. You'll learn how to map communities and gain skills to build authentic relationships and overcome hesitation in talking to friends and family about what's at stake.

Kalamazoo: April 25

Traverse City: June 13

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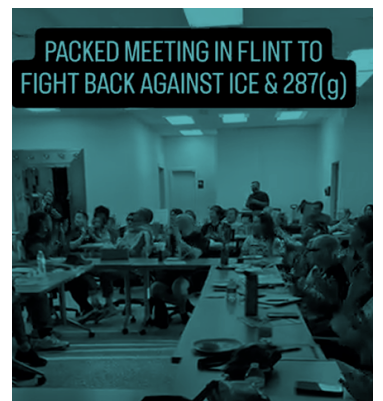


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THE PEOPLE

ARE

RESISTING





We are a country by the people and for the people. Together we're making clear that America belongs to us.

Our neighbors are making their voices heard – and winning. Every one of us has a part to play in defending our Constitutional freedoms and, together with the ACLU, Michiganders are doing it – city by city and county by county. Join us.

Across Michigan: Protecting Democracy and the Right to Vote

People in over 70 communities are working alongside the ACLU to make sure every eligible voter can cast a ballot. People like Terry DeYoung of Holland are part of the ACLU's Clerk Engagement Project, an effort designed to bring together local election officials and their voters to protect free and fair elections. Clerk engagement volunteers advocate expanding access to the ballot, help ensure voters know their rights, and work to prevent mis- and dis-information. Terry explained, "As someone with a lifelong disability, the roadblocks I've encountered have shown me that election officials and poll workers frequently don't know what disabled people might need.... When I learned the ACLU-MI was seeking to expand access to the ballot... I was eager to join the Holland Area Clerk Engagement team and offer my voice and experience."

Bay City, Ferndale, and Lapeer County: Get the Flock Out

People in Bay City, Ferndale, and Lapeer County worked with the ACLU to get their officials to end contracts with Flock Safety, a company that is helping build a mass-surveillance infrastructure across the country. Flock and other companies are selling nationwide license plate reader (LPR) networks that enable police agencies across the U.S. to track drivers in real time – without a warrant, probable cause, or even reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing. This technology, which is completely unregulated in Michigan, poses serious threats to privacy. LPR networks and the people who use them also make mistakes – with frightening consequences. In 2023, the Detroit Police handcuffed a mother and put her two-year-old child with autism in a patrol car after using LPR technology to wrongly accuse the mother of a crime. Michiganders fighting to protect their privacy are creating a drumbeat for statewide legislation. On the heels of these local victories, a Michigan State House committee introduced bipartisan bills that would establish guardrails for the use of LPR technology.

Center Line and Genesee County: Refusing to be Part of the ICE Deportation Machine

Residents responded with outrage at 287(g) agreements that would supersize Trump's deportation force by using their local police to conduct dragnet-style immigration enforcement. In partnership with the ACLU, people in Center Line and Genesee County organized to convince officials to abandon the agreements, which are a key part of the Trump administration's goals of increasing deportations and driving millions more to self-deport. When local police enlist in the 287(g) program, they join a dangerous, reckless, and increasingly lawless ICE army. Having seen the potential for disaster in other states, Center Line and Genesee County residents packed their local Commission meetings to voice their opposition, scoring wins that are a model for other communities. The ACLU of Michigan is educating communities on the dangers of 287(g) agreements around the state, working directly with grassroots groups seeking to prevent these agreements from coming to their communities.

Houghton County: The Anti-Trans Agenda Stops Here

When a Houghton County Commissioner proposed a resolution mimicking Trump's "two sexes" Executive Order, people from across the Keweenaw Peninsula quickly came together to defeat it. Hundreds of Houghton County residents called and emailed Commissioners opposing the measure, and, on the evening of the Commission meeting, dissenters waited to speak in a line so long it stretched outside the building. In the nearly four-hour meeting, person after person exhorted the Commission to focus on the real issues and resist dragging Houghton County into advancing an extremist agenda. In the end, the lone vote in favor came from the Commissioner who proposed the measure. The ACLU was proud to work alongside local advocates who mobilized their communities to stop this attempt to re-entrench strict gender roles by legislating transgender people out of existence.