

The **ACLU** is holding the line in courts across the country, forcing this administration to back down when it matters most.

**205** legal actions since January 2025

**83%** of all cases requesting emergency relief received it

**80%** of decided U.S. Supreme Court cases had a ruling in our favor or a mixed ruling

**80%** success rate in closed cases at the lower court level

**71%** of all cases have already defeated, diluted or delayed the Trump agenda



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# WHEN PROTECTING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

Thanks to you — our donors, members, volunteers, and community partners — the ACLU of Michigan is vigorously defending those rights in the courts, legislatures, and in communities. Our victories belong to all of us. We are grateful for your partnership.

## HERE'S HOW WE ARE FIGHTING BACK — TOGETHER

### **FIGHTING FAMILY SEPARATION BY ANOTHER NAME**

For decades, the government has allowed immigrants in deportation proceedings to ask the court to remain free while their immigration case moves forward. That changed when the Trump administration issued a new directive mandating that immigrants such as our client Jose Contreras Cervantes, a husband and father with a rare form of cancer, be denied that opportunity. The ACLU of Michigan sued on behalf of Mr. Contreras Cervantes and seven others, and this fall the federal court ordered that our clients be immediately released or given a hearing. Thanks to our supporters and the courage of our clients, Mr. Contreras Cervantes walked back into the arms of his family in October. We have now trained more than 70 attorneys around the state to take these cases challenging the Trump directive and getting people back home rather than needlessly languishing in detention for months or even years.

### **PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO SUE**

The right of organizations to challenge unconstitutional policies or practices in court is foundational to the ACLU of Michigan's ability to protect and preserve civil liberties in Michigan. After spotting a ruling from the state Court of Appeals denying the Michigan Republican Party the right to sue as an organization, the ACLU of Michigan recognized the consequences this ruling could have on the ability of the ACLU and other organizations to hold the government accountable by challenging civil liberties violations in state court. We filed a friend-of-the-court brief encouraging the Michigan Supreme Court to review the ruling, and in August, after hearing the case, the Supreme Court overturned the lower court's decision. This victory protects the ability of any group to pursue justice through our state court system.

### **STOPPING MASS SURVEILLANCE IN THE TRUMP ERA**

The ACLU of Michigan's intensive work alongside Bay City residents recently resulted in the City Commission's rejection of a plan to contract with Flock Safety to install a surveillance system that would track innocent motorists and store their license plate information in a national database searchable by other police agencies. Michigan currently has no safeguards for the use of such technology, which can quickly morph into a tracking tool revealing where people go, who they meet, and what they believe. Data collected by Flock's automated license plate-reading cameras have been used in many parts of the country to help ICE carry out the Trump Administration's brutal deportation agenda and even track abortion patients. The ACLU of Michigan's political team provided important testimony during the hearing at which the Flock contract was voted on, and partnered with dozens of Bay City residents to make their opposition to mass surveillance clear to Commission members in the weeks before and during deliberations.

### **FIGHTING FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND THEIR ALLIES**

When Trump's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — the federal agency responsible for investigating and resolving employment discrimination matters — abruptly abandoned cases involving gender identity, trans people and allies who had filed discrimination complaints were left scrambling to find their own attorneys or give up. The ACLU of Michigan intervened to represent two women who were fired after protesting the harassment of a transgender co-worker. Their lawsuit was settled in July. As the Trump administration continues to target trans people through executive orders and hateful rhetoric, it is more important than ever to speak out. The ACLU of Michigan will continue to fight anti-trans discrimination and challenge attempts to punish allies.