

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to melt ICE defenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Rebecca L. Rausch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex

By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to melt ICE defenses. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to melt ICE defenses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 233 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition,

2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 84. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a federal agency
4 memorandum shall not constitute a defense to a civil violation of state law, including but not
5 limited to tort actions.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition,

7 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

8 Section 61. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a federal agency
9 memorandum shall not constitute a defense to a violation of state criminal law, including but not
10 limited to violations of this chapter.