

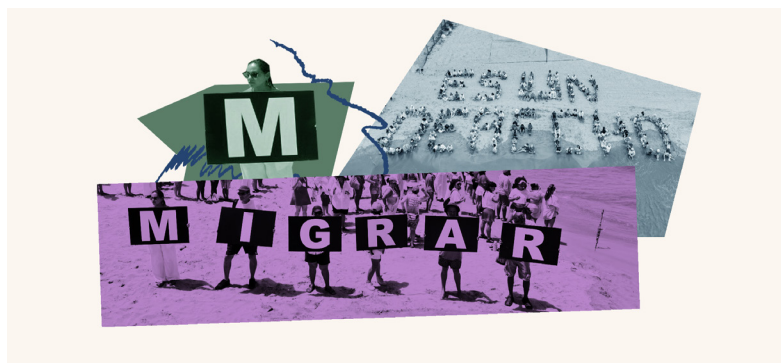


ACLU
Puerto Rico

Our actions in April 2026

The ACLU of Puerto Rico is the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a nonprofit organization founded in the United States in 1920. Our mission is to fight violations of the civil liberties guaranteed by the legal systems of the United States and Puerto Rico, wherever and whenever necessary.

We work to ensure that the constitutional guarantees and statutes that protect human rights and civil liberties are upheld and enforced in the Puerto Rican archipelago. We confront oppression, authoritarianism, and injustices against people.



PROTECT IMMIGRANTS IN PUERTO RICO

Your voice is essential to protecting the immigrant community in Puerto Rico!

House Bill 331 seeks to **strengthen the human rights and dignity of all people** by prohibiting local police from collaborating with DHS and ICE in the enforcement of discriminatory immigration laws or carrying out arbitrary detentions. It also defines special protections for “sensible locations”, such as schools, hospitals, and churches.



Scan the QR code and urge your legislator to vote in favor of House Bill 331.

ACTIONS IN APRIL 2026

- **We sued and we won!** The Supreme Court of Puerto Rico upheld a lower court’s determination that a subpoena that led to the voluntary transfer of private data on thousands of migrants to ICE, is a public document. In 2025, Puerto Rico’s Department of Transportation shared with ICE the private information of over 6,000 migrants who had obtained a valid driver’s license. The alleged subpoena and the documents shared by our government to ICE are public documents and should be handed over to ACLU-PR.
- **We argued against the Fiscal Control Board’s** attempt to extend the bankruptcy stay to lawsuits on civil rights violations.
- **We participated as Amicus Curiae in Boston,** to defend the non-binary people’s right to have an “X” gender marker on their birth certificates.
- **We went to court demanding public information** from the Puerto Rico Police Department on Operation Stonegarden, a federal grant requiring cooperation with border patrol federal operations.
- **We submitted an explanatory memorandum** recommending that House Bill 25 not be approved. The bill seeks to redefine the maritime-terrestrial zone and disproportionately favor private interests over the public interest.
- **We were present with educational materials** at the Fundación de Barrio Obrero Festival.
- **We offered workshops** on freedom of expression and protest rights to members of the UPR university community.
- **We took part in the April 23 demonstration** in defense of reproductive rights.
- **Leon Isauro Calderon Santana v. Rebecca González: We continue fighting for immigrants’ rights in court.** This emergency habeas corpus petition seeks the immediate release of Leon Isauro Calderon Santana, a Dominican immigrant, detained by ICE on April 24, 2026, during an immigration operation in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as he was on his way to open his business. The petition argues that his detention is illegal and violates due process of law.

JOIN THE FIGHT

Defending rights does not happen on its own, but through a united and active community. We invite you to stay informed, share our analysis, support our cases, and defend the civil and constitutional rights of all people in the streets, in the Legislature, and in the courts.

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