



## SUMMARY OF 2015 PICC ADVOCACY DAY

On April 20, 2015 immigrant and refugee community members, advocates and allies convened in Harrisburg to talk to legislators about issues affecting immigrant and refugee communities in Pennsylvania.

### Participants:

Over 60 immigrant and refugee community members and staff from 14 organizations attended this year’s event. Participants came from many areas in Pennsylvania, including: Allentown, Centre County, Chambersburg, Harrisburg, Hazleton, Lancaster, Philadelphia metro area, Reading, West Chester, and York.

### Legislative Visits:

The issues identified for this year’s advocacy day were based upon PICC’s 2015/16 advocacy priorities, as decided by members on March 23, 2015. Participants sought support for four policies that would help improve the lives of immigrant and refugee communities in Pennsylvania and advocated against a recently introduced anti-immigrant piece of legislation.

**PA Dream Act:** a bill to provide tuition equity for all students in Pennsylvania regardless of immigration status

**Driver’s Licenses for All:** a bill to provide access to a driver’s license for all qualified drivers regardless of immigration status

**Minimum Wage:** supporting a raise of the Pennsylvania minimum wage to \$10.10

**Fair Funding for Education:** supporting a fair funding formula for schools in Pennsylvania

**SB9 and other anti-immigrant bills:** a bill requiring additional ID verification when applying for public benefits

Participants met with legislators and staff from over 40 offices, and dropped off information at over 50 additional offices. Below is a summary of the responses from legislators (or staff) to the specific ask for support on each issue.

### PA Dream Act

- **ASK: Do you support the PA Dream Act? Would you be willing to co-sponsor the bill?**

#### **Yes:**

Adolph, William	R	HD 165
Gainey, Ed	D	HD 24
Harris, Jordan	D	HD 186
Lowery Brown, Vanessa	D	HD 190
Santarsiero, Steven	D	HD 31
Schlossberg, Michael	D	HD 132
Schreiber, Kevin	D	HD 95
Waters, Ronald	D	HD 191



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Dinniman, Andrew	D	SD 19
Farnese, Larry	D	SD 1
Smucker, Lloyd	R	SD 13

### Unsure or needs more information:

Barrar, Stephen	R	HD 160
Conklin, Scott	D	HD 77
Gillen, Mark	R	HD 128
Keller, William	D	HD 184
Knowles, Jerry	R	HD 124
Marshall, Jim	R	HD 14
Matzie, Robert	D	HD 16
Roebuck, James	D	HD 188
Truitt, Dan	R	HD 156
Vereb, Mike	R	HD 150

Bartoletta, Camera	R	SD 46
Gordner, John	R	SD 27
Wagner, Scott	R	SD 28

### Drivers License Bill

- **ASK: Do you support access to driver's licenses for all?**

#### Yes:

Adolph, William	R	HD 165
Gainey, Ed	D	HD 24
Harris, Jordan	D	HD 186
Keller, William	D	HD 184
Matzie, Robert	D	HD 16
Parker, Cherelle	D	HD 200
Santarsiero, Steven	D	HD 31
Schlossberg, Michael	D	HD 132
Schreiber, Kevin	D	HD 95

Farnese, Larry	D	SD 1
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### Unsure or needs more information:

Conklin, Scott	D	HD 77
Donatucci, Maria	D	HD 185
Markosek, Joe	D	HD 25
Marshall, Jim	R	HD 14
O'Brien, Michael	D	HD 175



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Rapp, Kathy	R	HD 65
Roebuck, James	D	HD 188
Taylor, John	R	HD 177
Truitt, Dan	R	HD 156
Vereb, Mike	R	HD 150

Gordner, John	R	SD 27
Greenleaf, Stewart	R	SD 12
Wagner, Scott	R	SD 28

## No:

Barrar, Stephen	R	HD 160	Supports a marked ID
Gillen, Mark	R	HD 128	
Knowles, Jerry	R	HD 124	

## Minimum Wage

- **ASK: Will you vote for a bill to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10?**

## Yes:

Briggs, Tim	D	HD 149
Conklin, Scott	D	HD 77
Donatucci, Maria	D	HD 185
Gainey, Ed	D	HD 24
Keller, William	D	HD 184
Markosek, Joe	D	HD 25
Matzie, Robert	D	HD 16
O'Brien, Michael	D	HD 175
Roebuck, James	D	HD 188
Santarsiero, Steven	D	HD 31
Schlossberg, Michael	D	HD 132
Schreiber, Kevin	D	HD 95

Bartoletta, Camera	R	SD 46
Dinniman, Andrew	D	SD 19
Farnese, Larry	D	SD 1

## Unsure:

Gillen, Mark	R	HD 128
Harris, Jordan	D	HD 186
Knowles, Jerry	R	HD 124
Rapp, Kathy	R	HD 65
Truitt, Dan	R	HD 156
Vereb, Mike	R	HD 150



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Greenleaf, Stewart R SD 12

**No:**

Adolph, William	R	HD 165	
Barrar, Stephen	R	HD 160	Supports raise to \$8.80
Marshall, Jim	R	HD 14	

Gordner, John	R	SD 27	Supports raise to \$8.75
Wagner, Scott	R	SD 28	Supports raise to \$8.50

**Fair Funding for Schools**

- **ASK: Will you make full, fair funding of schools a top priority in this legislative session?**

**Yes:**

Conklin, Scott	D	HD 77	
Gainey, Ed	D	HD 24	
O'Brien, Michael	D	HD 175	
Parker, Cherelle	D	HD 200	
Roebuck, James	D	HD 188	
Santarsiero, Steven	D	HD 31	
Schlossberg, Michael	D	HD 132	
Schreiber, Kevin	D	HD 95	
Vereb, Mike	R	HD 150	

Browne, Pat	R	SD 16	
Dinniman, Andrew	D	SD 19	
Farnese, Larry	D	SD 1	
Gordner, John	R	SD 27	
Smucker, Lloyd	R	SD 13	

**Unsure:**

Harris, Jordan	D	HD 186	
Rapp, Kathy	R	HD 65	

Wagner, Scott R SD 28

**No:**

Barrar, Stephen R HD 160



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**SB9 and Anti-Immigrant Bills** (SB9 passed the Senate and is now in committee in the House)

- **ASK: Will you vote NO on SB9?**

**Will vote NO:**

Briggs, Tim	D	HD 149
Gainey, Ed	D	HD 24
O'Brien, Michael	D	HD 175
Roebuck, James	D	HD 188
Santarsiero, Steven	D	HD 31
Schlossberg, Michael	D	HD 132
Schreiber, Kevin	D	HD 95

**Unsure:**

Gillen, Mark	R	HD 128
Vereb, Mike	R	HD 150
Matzie, Robert	D	HD 16
Markosek, Joe	D	HD 25
Conklin, Scott	D	HD 77

**Supports SB9:**

Barrar, Stephen	R	HD 160
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