

E-VERIFY IN PENNSYLVANIA: BAD FOR WORKERS. BAD FOR BUSINESS.

In our current economic climate, it's hard to imagine that anyone could think it's a good idea to pass legislation that would hurt workers. And yet that's exactly what's going on in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

House Bill 1502 would require all state contractors to use the federal E-Verify program. House Bill 1503 would require all construction employers to use E-Verify. E-Verify (formerly known as Basic Pilot) is a federal online program that uses databases to determine if an employee is authorized to work.

The databases used in E-Verify are riddled with errors, and those errors disproportionately affect naturalized citizens. Research by the federal government indicates that .7 percent of workers have errors in E-Verify. Businesses that actually use E-Verify, meanwhile, report that 10-15 percent of eligible workers are deemed ineligible by E-Verify. A fast food chain that owns 24 restaurants in Arizona has stated that **75 percent of *legal* immigrant workers came back as unauthorized by E-Verify.**

And E-Verify can't even do the job it's intended to do. **A report released in January showed that a majority of *unauthorized* workers put through E-Verify came back as *eligible* to work.**

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

HB 1502 and HB 1503 are being used to vilify and dehumanize immigrants and have already passed the state House. Tell your senator to oppose HB 1502 and HB 1503.

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