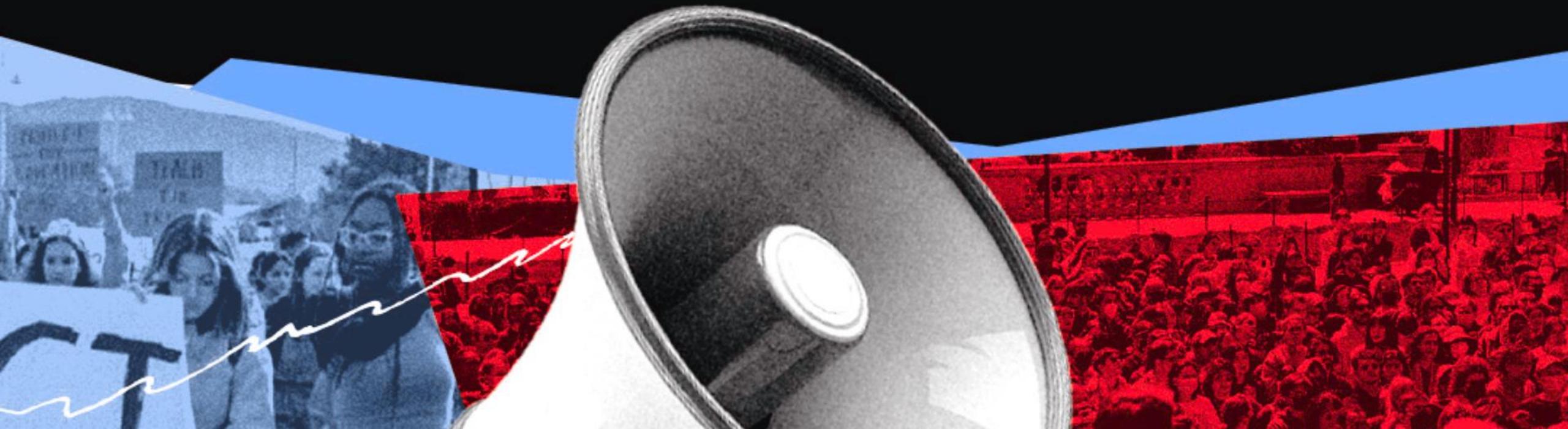


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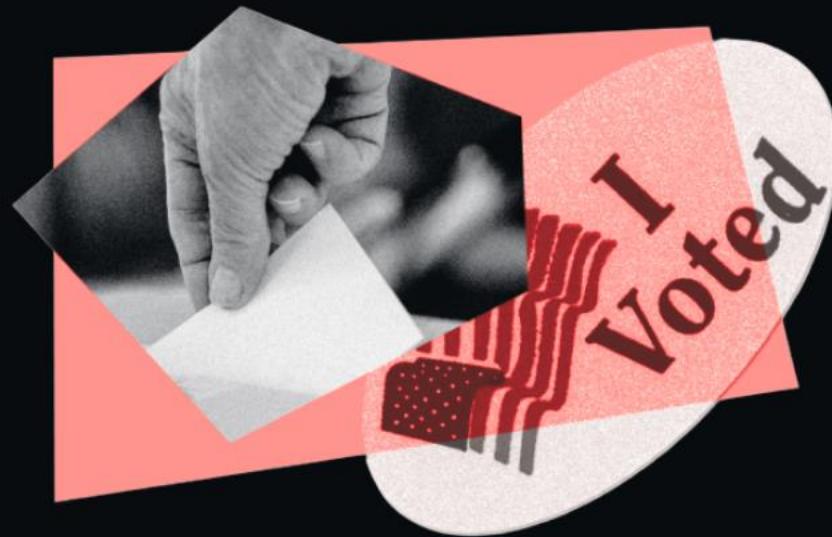
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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

*Our plan to protect people, **not power.***



VOTING RIGHTS



Voting Rights

The fight for voting rights remains as critical as ever.

Politicians across the country continue to engage in voter suppression, efforts that include additional obstacles to registration and restrictive measures that continue to target the voting rights of Black and brown communities.

In the face of increasing threats to democracy, **we know Delaware can rise to the occasion to become a beacon of democracy and strong voter engagement.**

01

Protect and expand early in-person and no-excuse absentee voting.

Senate Bill 2 (SS 1 for SB 2) will guarantee that early in-person voting is safeguarded for Delaware voters.

Senate Bill 3 (SS 1 for SB 3) would allow all registered voters to vote by mail without needing an excuse, and protect permanent absentee voter status.

02

Restore voting rights following felony incarceration.

House Bill 180 would amend the state's constitution to restore voting rights for people who have served their sentences for a felony.

03

Implement same-day voter registration.

House Bill 88 would enable the General Assembly to enact laws for the registration of voters without restrictions on the period in which registration must be closed prior to an election.

04

Pass a state-level Voting Rights Act.

We expect legislation to be introduced soon.

Why These Reforms? Every Vote Counts

Voter Registration

Delaware is **one of only 16 states** that require voters to register to vote at least 24 days in advance of an election.

Absentee Voting

Delaware is **one of just 14** states that require voters to give an excuse to cast an absentee ballot.

Voter Disenfranchisement

Delaware is the **only** Northeastern state that permanently disenfranchises some returning citizens, and **one of just 10 states** nationwide to do so for non-election-related offenses.

The Impact

Restoring voting rights upon release from incarceration and establishing same-day registration could add approximately **25,000** voters to Delaware elections!

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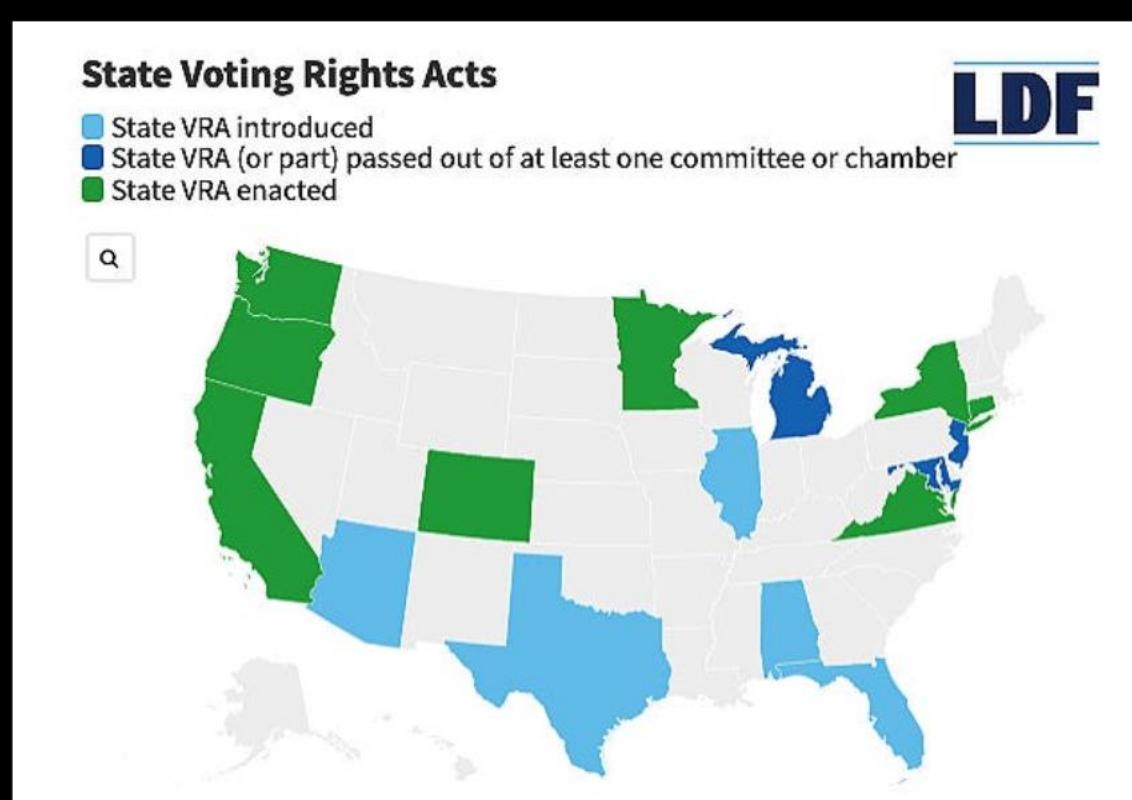


Why These Reforms? Voting Rights Act

State-level VRAs

The federal VRA has been chipped away at for decades. In recent years, anti-voter policies have increased dramatically across the country. We can no longer rely on the federal VRA to uphold voting protections.

A state VRA is an important legal tool that would allow Delaware to push back against national attacks on voting rights and replace lost or weakened federal protections for Delaware voters.



Join the Fight for Voting Rights



Voting Rights Volunteer

We'll be in touch with opportunities, events, and more.



Voting Rights Phonebanking

Wednesday, January 28, 6 - 8 PM
VIRTUAL



Voting Rights Lobby Day

Tuesday, April 21, 9 AM
Legislative Hall

IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS



Immigrants' Rights

Anti-immigrant policies are tearing apart families, communities, and the fabric of our nation.

This is not who we are as Delawareans and undermines our state's values.

Delaware's elected officials must pass legislation to ensure that our state's immigrant communities are given the support, security, and opportunity they need to thrive.

01

Prohibit the arrest of people at sensitive locations.

House Bill 94 (HS 1 for HB 94) prevents arrests at schools, medical facilities, and places of worship without a valid judicial warrant or court order. This bill is on the House Ready List

02

Make illegal racial profiling based on immigration status.

House Bill 58 bans police from targeting people based solely on actual or suspected immigration status or civil immigration violations. This bill is on the House Ready List.

03

Create safe interactions with law enforcement.

The General Assembly must introduce and pass legislation requiring law enforcement to show their faces and identify themselves.

Why These Reforms? ICE in Delaware

Camden

287(g) Agreements

Camden would have been the very first Delaware municipality to sign a 287(g) agreement with ICE, **but rescinded it due to the significant public outcry.**

Laurel

Racial Profiling

Laurel Police Department voluntarily compiled and shared a list of Haitian immigrants with the FBI. **There is no evidence of a valid judicial warrant.**

Seaford

Assisting Operations

Seaford Police and Delaware State Police responded to a request by ICE for assistance in detaining a man. **There is no evidence that ICE had a valid judicial warrant.**

Where next?

ICE Activity on the Rise

The federal government is continuing to push to enlist Delaware in its immigration enforcement program, allowing ICE to build its mass deportation force in our state.



Delawareans have been clear...

We will not allow our immigrant neighbors to be subjected to abuse and terror at the hands of ICE and law enforcement.

The General Assembly took meaningful strides toward protecting immigrant communities during the 2025 legislative session — but we cannot stop here.

- The door remains open for collaboration with immigration enforcement.
- Parents are terrified to send their kids to school or go to medical appointments out of fear of being arrested.
- Masked agents relying on unconstitutional tactics continue to pose a danger to all of us.



Join the Fight for Immigrants' Rights



Send a Message

Tell Delaware's leaders to
protect immigrant communities.



Send a Letter

Urge House Leadership to
vote on House Bill 94 immediately.



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We'll update you on the next way to
take action for immigrants' rights.

JUSTICE REFORM



Justice Reform

Probation systems should keep people out of prison and help them rebuild their lives.

Successful probation systems reduce crime and recidivism, protect victims, enhance public safety, and free up millions of dollars for reinvestment into reentry, educational, and social services.

Incarceration should be a last resort.

Delaware's lawmakers must take action to modernize our state's probation system and end the circular pathway to reimprisonment.

O1

Promote successful reentry after incarceration by restricting the use of incarceration for rule violations.

The General Assembly must introduce and pass legislation that provides clear guidelines regarding violation sanctions and uses community-based interventions to impose appropriate consequences.

Why This Reform? A Broken System

Mass Incarceration

Delaware continues to have one of the highest incarceration rates in the northeast corridor — **higher than Maryland, New Jersey, New York and other states on the east coast.**

Racial Disparities

Black Delawareans are **23%** of the general population, but **almost half** of the people on probation are Black.



Why This Reform? Technical Violations

Technical violations are not new crimes.

They are violations of probation rules like curfew, substance use testing requirements, and reporting changes in employment or address.

Currently, a person who is found to have committed any technical violation—no matter how minor—can be sent back to prison. This disrupts their lives and reentry process and can cause loss of housing, employment, and more.



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PRIVACY RIGHTS



Privacy Rights

Our digital footprint can be tracked by the government in ways that were once unthinkable.

The rapid expansion of digital surveillance and the collection of sensitive personal information poses a serious threat to individual privacy and civil liberties.

In Delaware, we must take action to ensure sensitive personal information cannot be weaponized against anyone — especially vulnerable communities like immigrants and people seeking gender-affirming care.

O1

Ban reverse warrants that enable unconstitutional government surveillance.

House Bill 145 prohibits both reverse location and reverse keyword searches and warrants in Delaware.

What is a reverse warrant?

Warrants are supposed to be narrow, specific, and based on probable cause. Reverse warrants are the opposite.



Reverse warrants are a controversial and invasive police tactic that allows the government to do widespread surveillance of people's digital data without individuals' consent.

These warrants allow law enforcement to capture information about everyone who entered a geographic area or entered specific keywords into a search engine — a blatant violation of our core rights.

Who can this affect?

EVERYONE!!

Why This Reform? Delaware's Role

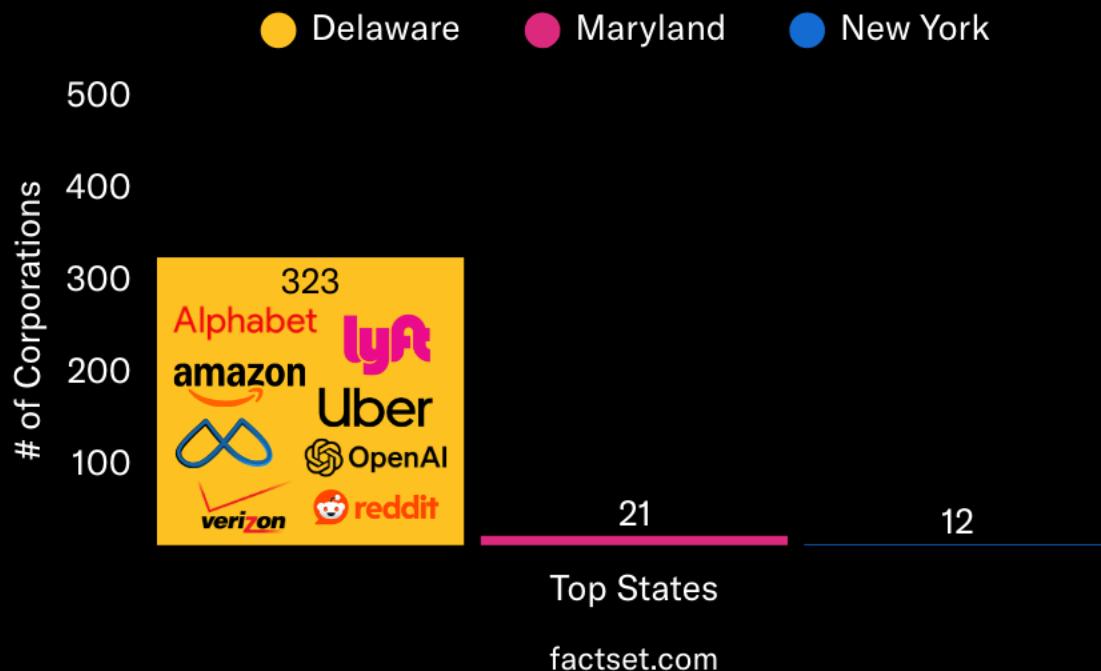
Corporate Capital

As the corporate home of many of America's largest tech and data companies, Delaware plays an important role.

Out-of-state or federal law enforcement could serve reverse warrants on companies headquartered in Delaware.

By eliminating the use of reverse warrants in Delaware, we can limit the ability of other states and the federal government to use these digital dragnets in Delaware.

Where S&P 500 Companies are Incorporated



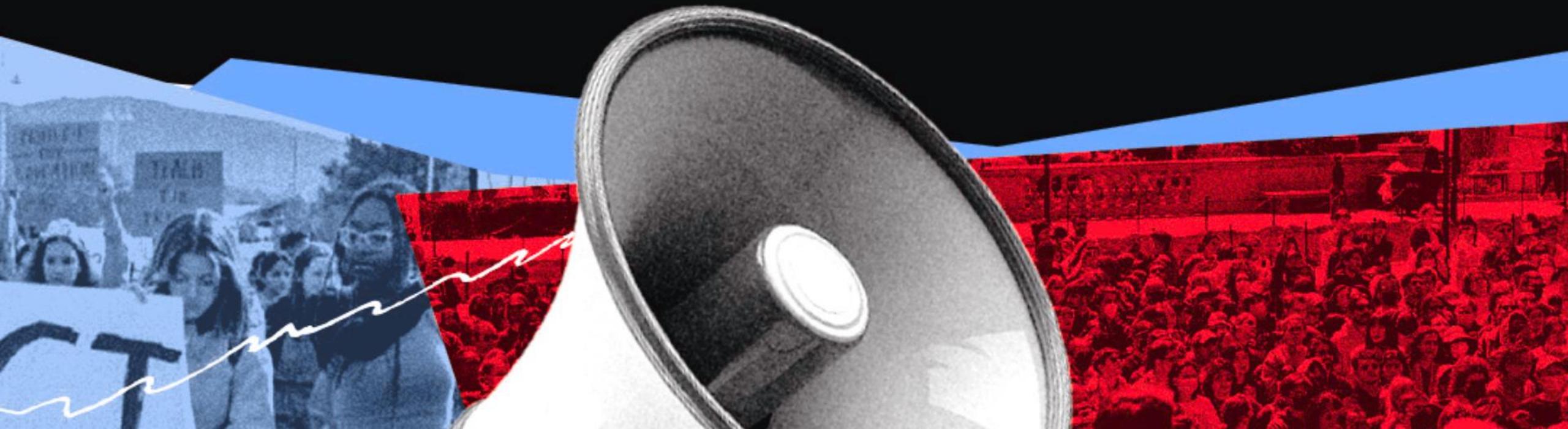
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way to take action to ban reverse warrants.

QUESTIONS?



Next Steps



Know Your Rights

Request KYR materials and trainings for your community.



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Stay updated on events, trainings, ways to take action, and more.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

2/12: Education Equity and Delaware Law (CLE)
3/18: Restricting Access to the "I" in FOIA (CLE)

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THANK YOU!

