

April 1, 2026

Juan Carlos Gomez
Director of Legislative Affairs
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
1310 L St. NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20005
Email: jgomez@clasp.org
Cc: advocacy@najit.org

Re: Endorsement of the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act

The National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (NAJIT) is pleased to express its support for the *Protecting Sensitive Locations Act*.

Founded in 1978, NAJIT represents more than 1,100 court interpreters, translators, judicial officers, scholars, and trainers dedicated to advancing professional standards and ensuring equal access to justice for individuals who are limited English proficient (LEP). Our members work at the intersection of language access and the justice system, where trust in public institutions is essential.

NAJIT supports this legislation in recognition of the importance of preserving access to essential services in sensitive locations, including courts, schools, and healthcare settings. When individuals fear accessing these spaces, it creates barriers not only to services, but also to meaningful participation in systems designed to serve the public.

These barriers disproportionately impact individuals who rely on language access services. When individuals avoid courts, medical care, or educational institutions, they are less likely to access qualified interpreters and translators, which are essential to ensuring accurate communication and equitable outcomes.

The *Protecting Sensitive Locations Act* reinforces the principle that all individuals should be able to access critical services without fear. This aligns with longstanding language access protections and supports equitable access to justice and public services.

NAJIT is proud to join the many organizations supporting this legislation and appreciates the opportunity to lend our voice in support of this important effort.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
The NAJIT Board of Directors

For additional information or clarification, please contact NAJIT at hq@najit.org
cc: NAJIT Advocacy Committee