

*Editor's note: Below is the text from an email received from lawyer John Markey on April 16, 2025, that includes the statement from the IAC board of directors:*

On behalf of the Board of the Immigrants' Assistance Center (IAC), we thank the New Bedford Light for its ongoing interest in and support of the Center and the immigrant communities we serve. We deeply value our long-standing relationship with the Light and respect the important journalistic role it plays in our community.

We are proud of the life-changing work being carried out every day by our dedicated staff and remain fully supportive of their efforts. The IAC's mission—to serve as a beacon of hope by promoting equality, diversity, inclusion, and dignity for all immigrants, migrants, and refugees—has never been more vital than it is today.

It is our hope that the Light will continue to help shine a light on this essential work and elevate the voices and experiences of those that we serve.

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