



**August 12 - 18, 2024**

### **What's Happening**

**Parole program for four countries paused over possible fraud - Wash Post**

**15 states sue to block health care access for DACA recipients - AP**

**New order requires TX hospitals to collect immigration status of patients - Texas Tribune**

**Many asylum seekers are being expelled, but not before giving up their DNA - Border Chronicle**

**Costa Rica with US help nabs 21 suspects linked to human trafficking - Reuters**

**Panama arrests 15 people for smuggling Chinese migrants through Darien Gap - AP**

**Federal lawsuit filed against Biden admin immigration policies - Texas Observer**

**Trial in federal case over Rio Grande buoys postponed until November - Austin American Statesman**

**Iowa immigration law is raising questions - The N'West Iowa Review**

**US to expand areas for migrants to apply for asylum at the US-Mexico border - AP**

**Immigrant detainees cut off from free calls to lawyers in CA ICE facilities - KQED**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Loving Creator, full of love and mercy, I want to offer this prayer for my migrant siblings: Have mercy on them and protect them, as they suffer mistreatment and humiliation on their journeys, are labeled by many as dangerous, and marginalized for being foreigners. Make them respected and valued for their dignity. Touch with Your goodness the many that see them pass. Care for their families until they return to their homes, not with broken hearts, but with hopes fulfilled. Let it be so. Amen. (Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Biden to modernize DACA and expand protections.**

[https://unitedwedream.org/actions/12-years-of-daca-demand-president-biden-strengthen-and-expand-protections/?source=email\\_06.05&link\\_id=0&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_2344358&email\\_subject=with-12-years-of-daca-around-the-corner-tell-biden-to-strengthen-and-expand-protections-](https://unitedwedream.org/actions/12-years-of-daca-demand-president-biden-strengthen-and-expand-protections/?source=email_06.05&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2344358&email_subject=with-12-years-of-daca-around-the-corner-tell-biden-to-strengthen-and-expand-protections-)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to enact a permanent solution for Dreamers -**

<https://p2a.co/Emn3bWM>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to create a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients**  
[https://act.nilc.org/page/69018/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240615\\_EG\\_DACA12\\_NILC&ea.url.id=2623645&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/69018/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240615_EG_DACA12_NILC&ea.url.id=2623645&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support HR 1325 - the Asylum Seekers Work Authorization Act.** <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell Biden and Congress to reject inhumane, unlawful asylum restrictions**  
<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-president-biden-and-congress-to-reject-inhumane-unlawful-asylum-restrictions-stand-by-commitments-to-the-persecuted/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=b2feada5-0275-45c1-973a-a87242d0c234>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urges DHS to take immediate steps to keep families together and grant TPS to Ecuadorians.** <https://action.momsrising.org/sign/tps-for-ecuador/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell POTUS - restore access to asylum.**  
[https://act.nilc.org/page/68643/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240605\\_EG\\_BidenEO\\_NILC&ea.url.id=2600326&forwarded=true](https://act.nilc.org/page/68643/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240605_EG_BidenEO_NILC&ea.url.id=2600326&forwarded=true)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act -**  
<https://nrcat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in communities' capacity to welcome refugees.**  
<https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-congress-to-invest-in-local-communities-capacity-to-welcome-refugees/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your representative in the US House to commit to protecting immigrant communities.** <https://p2a.co/qd8timg>

**NATIONAL LEVEL — Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act -**  
<https://www.aila.org/advocacy-tools/aila-s-advocacy-action-center>

### **Action Three: Education**

**Iowa immigration law is raising questions -** [https://www.nwestiowa.com/news/appealed-immigration-law-raises-questions/article\\_7948d09a-5104-11ef-9ae5-9f427be625f1.html](https://www.nwestiowa.com/news/appealed-immigration-law-raises-questions/article_7948d09a-5104-11ef-9ae5-9f427be625f1.html)

**Immigrants bolster US Olympic team -** <https://www.theguardian.com/sport/article/2024/aug/05/usas-olympic-team-is-bolstered-by-a-crucial-group-of-athletes-immigrants>

**Parole program for four countries paused over possible fraud -**  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2024/08/02/biden-migrants-travel-homeland-security/>

**Locals file federal lawsuit against Biden admin immigration policies -**  
<https://www.texasobserver.org/rural-border-lawsuit-immigration-sue-vigilantes/>

**Many asylum seekers are being expelled, but not before giving up their DNA -**  
<https://www.theborderchronicle.com/p/many-asylum-seekers-are-being-expelled>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY:** The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 715 am CT for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families. The prayer is led by Sr JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM. If anyone want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, they can contact Sr. JoAnn Persch at 773-597-5394 or [jpmrsm2@gmail.com](mailto:jpmrsm2@gmail.com)

**ICDI Monthly meetings:** Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT. These meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving program updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) Nov 1st, DACA recipients will be eligible to apply for health coverage through the ACA. Tell MOC to support this. Thank you for your efforts!**