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What's Happening?

Activists use Anne Frank legacy to pressure Gov Baker to release immigrants - Boston Globe

First US immigration agency employees test positive for coronavirus - The Guardian

Immigration judges across the US are staying home after Covid-19 hits courtrooms - Reuters

Despite pandemic, San Diego's immigration courts remain open - San Diego Union Trib

ICE will reduce enforcement actions due to coronavirus - LA Times

Suit seeks release of immigrant families due to virus risk - Politico

Migrants running low on cleaning supplies at border shelters - WKRN.com

US Immigration offices going to temporarily close due to Covid-19 pandemic - BuzzFeed

Guatemala turns tables, blocking US deportations because of coronavirus - LA Times

Coronavirus testing won't count against immigrants trying to get green cards - Miami Herald

Amid Covid-19, Justice Dept continues "Remain in Mexico" hearings in immigration court - Texas Tribune

Action One: Prayer

God of love and compassion, you create every person in your image and want to unite us in one human family, enriching each other with our diversity. Open our eyes to the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts to embrace young Dreamers, to be in solidarity with them as they await with apprehension the decision of the Supreme Court, and to speak out on their behalf and in solidarity together. AMEN. (#Faith4DACA)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL -Millions of people are in dire need of critical attention immediately. We call on you to fulfill your moral and Constitutional responsibilities: expand the COVID-19 emergency provisions to care for us all and enact our Moral Agenda immediately. Please sign this petition: https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/this-pandemic-demands-a-systemic-response-an-urgent-message-from-the-poor-people-s-campaign?link_id=0&can_id=298a8737d541e240eadc8e3a6f562f48&source=email-poverty-amidst-pandemic-a-moral-response-to-covid-19&email_referrer=email_753563&email_subject=poverty-amidst-pandemic-a-moral-response-to-covid-19&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d6b12eee-e12c-4391-8536-f3671861b65f

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell ICE: Release all immigrants at risk of coronavirus.

https://www.raicestexas.org/2020/03/14/tell-ice-release-all-immigrants-at-risk-of-coronavirus/?ms=20190313_karnes_complaint&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d6b12eee-e12c-4391-8536-f3671861b65f

NATIONAL LEVEL - End Trump's Muslim ban and guarantee immigrants equal treatment under the law. <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-if-you-agree-end-trumps-muslim-ban-and-guarantee-immigrants-equal-treatment-under-the-law?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=0bcc3068-523f-4bb5-baa1-52e3a6a5a905>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Demand Congress enact humane treatment for asylum seekers and immigrants. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-enact-humane-treatment-for-asylum-seekers-and-immigrants?source=2019DignityforImmigrants_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=76be7177-0454-4cfe-a9f5-bbf764553e4

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a message to Congress calling for the protection of those seeking asylum at our border. https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/2019/06/27/action-alert-inherent-dignity-of-asylum-seekers/?utm_source=ISN+Updates+List&utm_campaign=fdbd2096e3-Light_Darkness_2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f721035495-fdbd2096e3-255847889&mc_cid=fdbd2096e3&mc_eid=9c9f057a6f

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to hold Customs and Border Patrol accountable for inhumane child detention. https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&initms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ7OEp7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pvnMMjPLCEERBX6JPYjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMjvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on Congress to save asylum. Legislators must stop Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy from returning people to danger. <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/call-on-congress-to-save-asylum/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=7b8df859-3b01-4db1-b71e-f39b36a6d4c3>

Action Three: Education

Immigrant women and girls in the US - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/immigrant-women-and-girls-united-states>

Non-immigrant lawyers are helping asylum seekers stuck in Mexico - <https://www.texasmonthly.com/politics/non-immigration-lawyers-help-asylum-seekers-mexico/>

A year documenting on Rio Grande - <https://widerimage.reuters.com/story/a-year-documenting-migration-on-rio-grande>

Alaskans rally around mother ordered deported - <https://www.ktva.com/story/41878332/alaskans-rally-for-bethel-woman-on-the-edge-of-deportation>

Pro Publica: Detention centers have poor history of handling infectious diseases - <https://www.propublica.org/article/ice-has-repeatedly-failed-to-contain-contagious-diseases-our-analysis-shows-its-a-danger-to-the-public>

The Refugee Act of 1980: A Forlorn Anniversary - <https://www.lawfareblog.com/refugee-act-1980-forlorn-anniversary>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL
Join in prayer vigil at the immigration processing center to provide public witness and accompaniment to those about to be deported. First Fridays are Interfaith Services; other Fridays center on the Catholic Rosary **DIRECTIONS:** from Loop, take I-290 west to south 25th Ave, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington, left at Beach St.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep) Detained #immigrants have committed no crime. They should not be detained when many of them have family in the U.S. who can care for and protect them during this pandemic.
Thank you for all your efforts!