



May 16... Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Last month, Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva, in partnership with the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and over 30 members of Congress, introduced a resolution that calls to repeal specific provisions of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRAIRA) and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA) signed into law in 1996 during the Clinton administration. The provisions in question lay the groundwork for criminalizing immigrants, directly resulting in a 20-year legacy of separating families and uprooting communities through mandated detention and deportation. These dramatically expanded ways in which the government would automatically detain and deport people without due process, right to legal counsel or acknowledgment of the full merits of their case.

In parallel with this congressional resolution, the Immigrant Justice Network (IJN) launched #FIX96, a campaign to get the 2016 presidential candidates on the record about their position on the 1996 laws and to call for a new vision for criminal and immigration laws that are grounded in human rights.

(Adapted from Immigrant Justice Network)

Action One: Prayer

God who led our people out of the desert and into a land of milk and honey, we pray for all those immigrants struggling on their migrant journey now. Our tradition is one of people on the move, on the journey and today we walk in prayer and solidarity with those sojourners in our midst who need our love. We have seen too many families separated by these outdated and unjust laws, more than 2.5 million deportations in recent years, we cry out for justice. We pray for the judges in the highest court of this land, that they may be wise and compassionate in their proceeding to lift so many millions of people out of the fear of deportation. We look to a higher law, a higher power that reminds us to love our neighbor and welcome the stranger. We pray for unity and love among our brothers and sisters, no matter their national origin, or documentation status, we are all children of God.

(Adapted from IIC Prayer Vigil Toolkit; Written by Rev. Noel Andersen)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Stand Up against Attacks on Policies that Protect Immigrants: <http://immigrantjusticenetwork.org/take-action/>

Support the Justice is Not for Sale Act: http://justiceisnotforsale.com/take-action-1/?SQF_ORGANIZATION=pfaw

Sign: Solidarity with Immigrants in US v. Texas:

https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51184/p/dia/action3/common/public/index.sjs?action_KEY=17840

Support Jose Juan in Asking for Sanctuary: <http://www.notonemoredeportation.com/portfolio/josejuan/>

Show Your Support for the Fair Day in Court for Kids Act: <http://cqcengage.com/jesuit/app/take-action?engagementId=194173#.Vw-13Prq5q8.twitter>

Congress: Protect the World's Most Vulnerable: http://act.one.org/sign/us_refugees/

Call your Senators & Representatives (202-224-3121) – Urge them to cosponsor and support S.2540 & H.R.4646. Sample Script: “I’m a constituent from [City, State] and I urge all Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor and support *The Fair Day in Court for Kids Act*. Children from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras are fleeing traumatizing violence and should not have to stand before an immigration judge alone. *The Fair Day in Court for Kids Act* would increase legal orientation programs, ensure children have access to lawyers, and increase court appearance rates.”

Action Three: Education

US Weighs Special Status for Ecuador Migrants after Earthquake:
<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2016/05/04/us-weighs-special-status-for-ecuador-migrants-after-quake/>

New Mexico Archbishop Decries Demonization of Immigrants in Election Rhetoric:
http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/archbishop-concerned-as-primaries-head-to-new-mexico/article_51209538-d651-5be8-b435-dd1fcdded264.html

Judge Grants Temporary Restraining Order on Child Care License for Dilley Detention Center:
<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2016/0504/Are-child-immigrants-being-held-in-prison-facilities>

Action Four: Events/Resources

Community Training – Administrative Relief 101/Current State of DAPA/DACA+
 Date: Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9AM-2PM; Location: 5233 W Diversey Ave. Chicago, IL 60639
 Contact: Sarah Mesick, NPNA, at sarah@partnershipfornewamericans.org

Resources to End Mass Criminalization of Immigrants: <http://immigrantjusticenetwork.org/resources/fix96/>

Refugees Welcome – contains resources for communities to register, organize, promote, and host their own Refugees Welcome events: <http://www.refugeesarewelcome.org/>

Toolkit for Action to Support DACA/DAPA: http://www.icdapadacaprayer.org/resources/VigilToolkit_4.18.16.docx

Administrative Relief Regional Collaboration Toolkit: http://www.adminrelief.org/resources/item.596504-Regional_Collaboration_Toolkit_10

CLINIC Refugee Resettlement Toolkit: <https://cliniclegal.org/resources/clinic-refugee-resettlement-toolkit>

Thank you for your efforts!



THE SUPREME COURT



THE JUDICIAL DECISION

The Supreme Court will hear the U.S. v. Texas case and will decide if the doors will open for DAPA and expanded DACA in the future. This case does not affect original DACA so you can still apply for this program with the June 2012 criteria.

Two Programs on the Table

- DAPA:** Deferred action for parents of lawful permanent residents or Americans
- Expanded DACA:** Deferred action for childhood arrivals, with less restrictions

Programs Available Now

- DACA:** Deferred action for childhood arrivals with June 2012 criteria
- Find Out:** Know your rights! And check if you qualify for an existing relief program

NO BEWARE OF NOTARIO FRAUD AND FALSE IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATIVES **YES** ONLY ACCEPT LEGAL ADVICE FROM BIA ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES OR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS

Supreme Court Steps

- Review All Cases
- Choose a Case to Review
- Read the Amicus Briefs
- Hold the Oral Argument**
 - Meet in Conference
 - Explain the Decision
 - Write the Opinion
 - Release the Opinion

Who are the decision makers?

Alito Thomas Roberts Kennedy Sotomayor Kagan Gorsuch

Supreme Court Justices are nominated by the President and then the Senate votes to confirm the person. A Supreme Court Justice can hold this position for life as long as the Justice has good behavior.

Outcomes - to be announced in June

5 or more votes in favor of the U.S. OR 5 or more votes against the U.S. OR A Tie vote (4-4)

DAPA and expanded DACA will soon be made available OR DAPA and expanded DACA will not be available OR DAPA and expanded DACA will remain blocked

*More legal actions can be taken with this case