



June 5-11, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

GEO Group paid Trump off. Now Sessions is filling their prison beds. GEO Group, the largest and most profitable private prison company in the U.S., is capitalizing off of Trump's "Law and Order" agenda.

Harsh U.S. immigration policies are causing mental, social harm to American children --Roughly one in four American children younger than 18 live in immigrant families, and over four million U.S.-citizen children have at least one undocumented parent. A sense of safety and belonging is key to their psychological development. **NEXTADVISOR** See more at <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/politics/335795-harsh-us-immigration-policies-are-causing-mental-social-harm-to>

The Trump administration tucked into its 1,284-page budget proposal [appendix](#) a new plan to compel cities and counties to assist federal authorities in detaining and deporting unauthorized immigrants Business Insider

Action One: Prayer

Let us pray [that the Holy Spirit may bring peace and unity to all humankind]

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the Easter promise by sending us your Holy Spirit.

May that Spirit unite the races and nations on earth to proclaim your glory.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal*

Action Two: Calls/Letters

STATE LEVEL -- Contact Governor Rauner, 217 782-0244, and ask him to sign the TRUST Act into law. Project IRENE

Take action today! Tell Congress to robustly fund refugee assistance and the U.S. resettlement program, and reduce funding for mass immigration detention, deportation, and border militarization. [CALL YOUR SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES TODAY: 1-866-961-4293](#) Please call 3 times to connect with your Representative and both of your Senators.

Sample Script: "I'm your constituent from [CITY/TOWN], and I urge you to protect refugee assistance and resettlement from the cuts proposed in Trump's budget request. Please also reduce funding for detention, deportation and border militarization, which only tear families and communities apart. My community welcomes refugees and immigrants, and I urge you to reflect the best of our American values of compassion, hospitality, and welcome." ||

Call on House Speaker Ryan and Senate Majority Leader McConnell to Support Migrants and Refugees

- Call your members of Congress by calling the U.S Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Hello

I'm NAME from CITY, STATE, and I'm calling to add my voice of faith to the thousands of people across the country

who care about helping vulnerable migrants and refugees. I am very concerned about the barrage of legislation that has been introduced in both the House and Senate in recent weeks targeting the most vulnerable, including refugees, asylum seekers, and migrant families and children fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries. I am also concerned that legislation is looking to weaken oversight and accountability of immigration enforcement agencies.

HB 2394 : STATE LEVEL ---HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID PLEASE CALL TO HAVE THE STUDENTS TO HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION BIL: Please help push the **STUDENT ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL** to a vote by calling your Rep and those below. HB2394 would give public universities the power to grant economic aid to students regardless of their immigration status. Please provide 4 year public universities with the legal authority to provide financial aid to undocumented students who qualify for in-state tuition. Please call these representatives below; Dan Brady - 217 782 1118; Norinne Hammond 217 782 0416; Christine Winger 217 782 4014; Sara Jimenez; 217 782 0040; Natalie Manning 217 782 2316; Dave Severin 217 781 1051; Rita Mayfield ; 217 558 1012; David Olsen 217 558 6587; Jim Durkin 217 558 0494

Action Three: Education

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition Webinar on **Monday, June 5th at 4 PM ET/ 1 PM - Faith Community Response to an Unfaithful Budget** RSVP!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9kGAJJ_eBfOmHNISbt9IZIfwVlwP5qGmFx_Z7a-ihEKTpg/viewform To join the webinar, go to <http://join.me/faith4immigration> and follow the directions for audio and visual. For audio only call: +1.202.602.1295 Access Code: 354-977-836#

Haiti: PRESS CALL ON MONDAY WITH FAITH LEADERS, ADVOCATES IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY KELLY'S TRIP TO HAITI -- *Press call to be held at 12 PM EST on Monday, **June 5th**; DIAL IN: 877-876-9177; PASSCODE: "HAITI*

Gubernatorial Health Care and Immigration Candidate Forum: Wednesday, June 7th 6:30 p.m. at Arturo Velasquez West Side Technical Institute; 2800 S. Western Ave.; Chicago, IL 60608

Justice for Immigrant Call: Wednesday, June 21, 2017; 2 p.m. ET; Dial 1-800-446-1161 and use conference code 106181 Good information and actions

ICE Using Powerful Stingray Surveillance Devices In Deportation Searches

<https://www.aclunc.org/blog/ice-using-powerful-stingray-surveillance-devices-deportation-searches> Second one: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2017/05/18/cell-snooping-fbi-immigrant/101859616/>

Under the Shadow of Trump, Dismantling Obama's Deportation Machine

<http://inthesetimes.com/article/20180/trump-obama-deportation-ns-georgia-immigration>

Action Four: Action

JUNE 7: CRLN, a member of the Chicago Immigration Policy Working Group, will be hosting a press conference at 10 AM, City Hall, Chicago, to demand that the Mayor's Office support NO CARVE-OUTS in the Welcoming City Ordinance. (1-pager attached)

Stand with Refugees – June 12-16 June 20th Refugee Day

Action Five: Social Media -- [@WhiteHouse](#) #Refugees are people looking for the same thing that everyone wants: happiness and a safe home for their families.

Thank you for your efforts!