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What's Happening

Trump admin officials ordered to testify about family separations - Wash Post

Green card processing change is affecting religious workers - AP

Unlawful crossing along southern border reach yearly high as US struggles to contain mass migration - CBS News

El Paso restarts migrant busing, opens shelters - El Paso Matters

Migrants cross into TX, undeterred by razor wire or new asylum rules - Reuters

US aims to resettle up to 50,000 refugees from Latin Am and Caribbean in 2024 under Biden plan - CBS News

Costa Rica orders state of emergency due to number of people migrating to US - Sky News

Chicago sees a record 34 buses arrive in less than a week - Block Club Chicago

Disaster relief workers targeted by Florida's anti-immigrant law - Center for Public Integrity

US border agency chief meets with authorities in Mexico over migrant surge - ABC News

Mexico disperses thousands of migrants to ease pressure on US southern border - Reuters

Mexico makes agreement with US to deport migrants from its border cities - CNN

Action One: Prayer

God of Love, Source of Life, thank you for calling us from our comfort and indifference to welcome our sisters and brothers from other lands. May we welcome their gifts. Grant eternal rest to all those who have died on the journey and peace to their loved ones. May we seek a world where none are forced to leave their homeland and where all can live in dignity, peace and freedom. Give us courage to continue knowing of your presence and may we trust in your strength. May it be so. Amen.

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support asylum seeker work authorization act -

https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advoc-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=230707_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization_Action_Remainder&utm_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden and DHS Mayorkas to designate and re-designate TPS for Ethiopia, Syria, Pakistan and Democratic Rep of the Congo.

https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925_EG_Migration_NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens.

https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j_kGpcM1_fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform
<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL –Tell Biden to reunite refugee families now. <https://refugeerights.quorum.us/campaign/47496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans
<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:
<https://act.niic.org/page/46080/action/1?ea.trackingid=web>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.
<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Demand Congress deliver a pathway to citizenship.
<https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/?source=partner&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=53adde97-7900-4dd7-844d-b3e2a56cc5b4>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to Enact a Solution for Dreamers - <https://p2a.co/zF29IYq>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass a pathway to citizenship now for DACA.
https://act.niic.org/page/56847/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230914_EG_Hanan_NILC&ea.url.id=1984100&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to protect abused, abandoned immigrant children.
<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support policies that welcome asylum seekers and reject further militarization of the border - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-congress-to-support-policies-that-welcome-asylum-seekers-and-reject-the-further-militarization-of-the-border/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to safeguard children in need and ensure communities have access to religious workers - <https://www.votervoicenet.com/Campaigns/106758/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden: No family detention. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>

Action Three: Education

US aims to resettle up to 50,000 refugees from Latin Am. in 2024 under Biden plan -
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/us-refugee-cap-2024-biden-latin-america/>

Despite the efforts of three US administrations, migrant families keep crossing the border -
<https://www.npr.org/2023/09/23/1201233986/migrant-families-border-illegal-immigration>

US foreign policy contributes to Chicago migrant crisis - <https://www.wbez.org/stories/us-foreign-policy-contributes-to-chicago-migrant-crisis/a447a736-7073-442f-ba83-9c5be5dc94d5>

Why can't we stop unauthorized migration? Because it works.

https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/01/magazine/economy-illegal-immigration.html?unlocked_article_code=nDbfnTTPBiUDdYVhnLIWwi6Paxt7tTrLK-ueaGxwK-erQhxyBmHNwJi-5kD2FZPkIMtOadcGxiFEDnR7pGezM9xb9Nfpm64YCCoArHF8h62_IGPRQ4UIVcfgrSFrDgMIDkdxRNk3qy0YwVwhZ-PPC1UJzYbOpG4_dihS3x_uKWWGmtjBIBrwmSwsHnCKaf5pdRaSa9gu8AxWP9Q2U9zBkX3r5XsPhQ-fwa5Fs1v9Gt4jA0pZakx_B0Gb3kwR1EDe6tQFpxGGD7W7SiC1pmg1vW7U7vEDTsVexgLoIACvPfa6sqr95ByMxU2FyWeEeCmmxZjD27WKpRtcBOO2TL6JPNXs5TaQ&smid=url-share

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

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: (@Sec/Rep) In poll after poll, Americans across the political spectrum overwhelmingly support a pathway to citizenship for immigrant youth. Let's get this done now and help them. **Thank you for your efforts!**