



## July 31 – August 6, 2017 Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

Immigration debate continues to heat up after smuggling trailer discovered - by Sandhya Somashekhar/Washington Post

Feds cuff 114 immigrants in 11-day New York sweep - by John Annese/Daily News NY

20 Democratic Attorneys General Urge Trump to Keep DACA, say it boosted economy - by Maria Sacchetti/Washington Post

**A BLINK OF BIPARTISANSHIP -- THE LATEST ON HEALTH CARE -- "Centrist lawmakers plot bipartisan health care stabilization bill,"** by Heather Caygle and Paul Demko/Politico

**A Day in the "Assembly Line" Court That Prosecutes 70 Border Crossers in 2 Hours -** by Bryan Schatz/Mother Jones

### **Action One: Prayer**

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen (USCCB)

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

**HR 2581: NATIONAL LEVEL -** Call Your member of Congress at [1-866-877-3303](tel:1-866-877-3303) and demand that they oppose the American Health Care Act and the Better Care Reconciliation Act. Creates roadblocks to prevent many citizens and immigrants from getting affordable, quality health insurance.

**NATIONAL LEVEL -** The attached [We Are With Dreamers](#) letter demonstrates that elected officials, law enforcement, faith, and civic leaders stand with these young people and want to preserve the DACA program. We urge all local and national faith leaders, congregations, and faith-based organizations to sign on by filling out this form: [bit.ly/FaithWithDreamers](http://bit.ly/FaithWithDreamers). Please engage other faith leaders, congregations, and organizations, as well as elected officials, law enforcement, and civic leaders to encourage them to sign on.

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Summer Action Grassroots Tool Kit Resource - Defunding the Detention & Deportation Machine.** <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/9ad537bf-b580-4b01-95b5-20d35c815e69>

**NATIONAL LEVEL -Tell Senate Democrats: Do everything in your power to block Trump's war on immigrants.** [https://act.credoaction.com/sign/sen\\_dem\\_immigrants?t=3&akid=24080.2678758.T7TDtg](https://act.credoaction.com/sign/sen_dem_immigrants?t=3&akid=24080.2678758.T7TDtg)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Say NO to Deportation of Sponsors of Unaccompanied Minors -**  
[https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app367b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1085&NONCE\\_TOKEN=D83841F6542FE6CF3D8E47BF37D359BC](https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app367b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1085&NONCE_TOKEN=D83841F6542FE6CF3D8E47BF37D359BC)

**STATE LEVEL - [Will you sign this petition to urge Governor Bruce Rauner to stand with immigrant youth who are protected by DACA?](#)**

**STATE LEVEL - Call Gov. Rauner at 312-814-2121 and demand that he publicly oppose both health bills, which will cost Illinois billions of dollars in Medicaid funding and thousands of jobs.**

**STATE LEVEL - ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS: PRIORITY ACTION! TRUST ACT NEEDS GOV. RAUNER SIGNATURE.** Please contact Gov. Rauner, [217-782-0244](tel:217-782-0244) and urge him to sign HB31, **the TRUST ACT, which will take responsibility for immigration enforcement out of the hands of local police** thereby promoting the public trust that is essential for effective community law enforcement.

**HB 2394: STATE LEVEL ----HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID CALL TO HAVE THE STUDENTS TO HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL:** 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; Norine 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**

**Toolkit for August 2017 Local Congressional Visits: Protecting Resources for Refugee Protection & Resettlement -** <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/5f950afa-917d-4933-9ba4-48fb2effc13a>

**CWS APPLAUDS INTRODUCTION OF THE DREAM ACT -** <https://greateras1.org/cws-applauds-introduction-dream-act/>

**What I learned from taking part in AFSC's Human Rights Summit-**  
[https://www.afsc.org/blogs/news-and-commentary/what-i-learned-taking-part-afscs-human-rights-summit?utm\\_source=July2017AFSCNow&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.afsc.org/blogs/news-and-commentary/what-i-learned-taking-part-afscs-human-rights-summit?utm_source=July2017AFSCNow&utm_medium=email)

***There's a Way for President Trump to Boost the Economy by Four Percent, But He Probably Won't Like It.*** - <https://projects.propublica.org/graphics/gdp>

**Repealing the ACA is still a bad idea** <http://www.clasp.org/issues/work-supports/in-focus/repealing-the-aca-is-still-a-bad-idea>

**Trump Administration Considering Plan to Expand and Expedite DHS Deportation Powers -**  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/in-memo-trump-administration-weighs-expanding-the-expedited-deportation-powers-of-dhs/2017/07/14/ce5f16b4-68ba-11e7-9928-22d00a47778f\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.2471a1b3383a](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/in-memo-trump-administration-weighs-expanding-the-expedited-deportation-powers-of-dhs/2017/07/14/ce5f16b4-68ba-11e7-9928-22d00a47778f_story.html?utm_term=.2471a1b3383a)

**A Veteran ICE Agent, disillusioned with the Trump Era, Speaks Out:**  
<http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/a-veteran-ice-agent-disillusioned-with-the-trump-era-speaks-out#nws=mcnewsletter>

**When Should Americans with DACA Go Into Hiding? -**  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/5979410de4b06b305561cdfc?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=c6e693c8ca-CLINIC Daily 7-28-17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-c6e693c8ca-279173657](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/5979410de4b06b305561cdfc?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=c6e693c8ca-CLINIC Daily 7-28-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-c6e693c8ca-279173657)

**As most states close out their legislative sessions, there is a final summary available.** There were 36 anti-refugee bills filed in 20 states and a rise in pro-refugee legislation – 33 positive legislative proposals in 18 states. A summary of the legislative activity by state is available [here](#).

### **Action Four: Action**

**"Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties" Through 11/19: Alphawood Gallery, 2401 N. Halsted St. Chicago, 773-687-7676**  
[alphawoodgallery.org](http://alphawoodgallery.org)

**Action Five: Social Media -- [@WhiteHouse](#) #Refugees We stand for a country of immigrants and refugees.**  
**[Thank you for your efforts!](#)**

