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What's Happening

White House, state, city team up for pilot pgm to help migrants apply for work permits - Chicago Sun Times

DOJ, civil rights group to appeal fed'l judge's ruling declaring DACA illegal - ABC News

Some Cubans denied green cards, get surprise mail - Union Bulletin/Miami Herald

Tulsa recognized as 'welcoming city' for immigrants - Tulsa Public Radio

House Speaker Johnson offers up two-tiered stopgap funds plan - Roll Call

TX Senate passes immigration enforcement bill & \$1.5 billion more for border barriers - keranews.org

US population will start declining before century's end - Wash Post

Bill would prohibit shackling migrant pregnant women - NBC News

Biden admin warns of major disruption at the border if judges halt asylum rule - AP

US looking to crackdown on Nicaragua-bound migrant flights - Miami Herald

Miami activist leads college aid pgm for undocumented students - wlrn.org

First-in-US push to hire undocumented students tests law's limit - Bloomberg Law

Action One: Prayer

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centredness. Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognize that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace. Amen. (Pope Francis)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC that you want them to co-sponsor and support the Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act. <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Immigrants are facing detention and deportation without a lawyer. Add your name to support the Fairness to Freedom Act. https://secure.vera.org/a/fairness-to-freedom-act-sign-on-3?ms=acqi_comm_all_progam_Vera24_ctr_Sep5&utm_source=progam&utm_medium=acqi&utm_campaign=all_Sep5&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2107133&email_subject=no-one-should-face-deportation-proceedings-alone

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden/DHS Mayorkas to designate/ 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 - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.guorum.us/campaign/46496/>

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

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to fund refugee and newcomer inclusion -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-fund-refugee-newcomer-inclusion-and-restore-needed-services-for-ukrainian-and-afghan-neighbors/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=bf6255be-6ec9-4356-a9bd-241dfc6f3993>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

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 - 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 asylum seeker work authorization act -

https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advo-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 - Send a letter. 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=f5aa4e6e-925e-4b84-b00a-e17dd1ffd05f>

Action Three: Education

White House, state, city team up for pilot pgm to help migrants apply for work permits -

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/2023/11/6/23949383/joe-biden-pilot-program-migrant-crisis-work-permits>

Higher education can be elusive for asylum seekers and immigrants - <https://theconversation.com/higher-education-can-be-elusive-for-asylum-seekers-and-immigrants-208643>

AI Executive order could help immigrants with tech background -

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2023/11/07/biden-executive-order-on-ai-could-help-immigrant-professionals/?sh=8323b4d41f4a>

Advocates say that most migrants are not prepared to make case for asylum in court -

<https://www.borderreport.com/immigration/advocates-say-most-migrants-are-not-prepared-to-make-a-case-for-asylum-in-court/>

First-in-US push to hire undocumented students tests law's limit - <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/first-in-us-push-to-hire-undocumented-students-tests-laws-limit?>

Pilot pgm: More than 90% of asylum seekers pass credible fear interview when given help -

<https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2023/11/07/pilot-program-more-than-90-of-asylum-seekers-pass-credible-fear-interview-when-given-help/>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisiJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep) Some MOC are misusing the funding negotiation process to seek cruel, ineffective, and radical changes that would permanently block access to safety for people who need refuge. Support those seeking asylum. **Thank you for your efforts!**