



**April 19 - 25, 2021**

### **What's Happening?**

**Biden has quietly reversed Trump's ban on worker visas - LA Times**

**SCarolina gov bans border kids from state foster homes - AP**

**Number of unaccompanied migrant children in CBP custody falls 45% in March - CNN**

**Biden taps Tucson police chief to lead Customs and Border Protection - Politico**

**Biden admin secures agreements with Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala to secure borders - CNN**

**Mexico steps up detentions and deportations of migrants - WSJ**

**Democrats send letter to Biden requesting immigration bill in second part of infrastructure package - CNN**

**Washington state bans for-profit immigration jails - AP**

**Tensions rise within Biden admin as migrant kids crowd shelters - Reuters**

**White House reverses course on refugee cap after Democratic eruption - The Hill**

**SCourt to debate TPS immigration case as Biden confronts crisis at southern border - USA Today**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**We pray for those who leave their homes in search of new beginnings and possibilities, may they know your presence with them. We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship. We pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here. We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (The Archdiocese of Chicago)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to pass the Dream and Promise Act.**

<https://www.nilc.org/action-dream-and-promise/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress we need citizenship for 11 million immigrants.**

[https://www.nilc.org/action-citizenship-now/?utm\\_source=hootsuite&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_term=2cd631ed-b938-4ee3-b667-906de6af4625&utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.nilc.org/action-citizenship-now/?utm_source=hootsuite&utm_medium=twitter&utm_term=2cd631ed-b938-4ee3-b667-906de6af4625&utm_content=&utm_campaign=)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Sec Mayorkas - end for-profit detention.**

[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-tell-secretary-mayorkas-free-people-and-end-for-profit-detention?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=4&can\\_id=a5270c558516715a1cf586344a5331d1&source=email-re-tell-homeland-security-to-act-now-and-reset-the-immigration-detention-system&email\\_referrer=email\\_1143000&email\\_subject=re-tell-homeland-security-to-act-now-and-reset-the-immigration-detention-system](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-tell-secretary-mayorkas-free-people-and-end-for-profit-detention?detail=emailaction&link_id=4&can_id=a5270c558516715a1cf586344a5331d1&source=email-re-tell-homeland-security-to-act-now-and-reset-the-immigration-detention-system&email_referrer=email_1143000&email_subject=re-tell-homeland-security-to-act-now-and-reset-the-immigration-detention-system)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: restore asylum at the US border.**

<https://www.jrsusa.org/news/take-action-restore-asylum-at-the-us-border/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to demand that Biden Harris admin cancel all federal prison and detention center contracts.** [https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-urge-biden-to-end-the-use-of-all-private-prisons-and-detention-centers-2?detail=emailactionLL&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-if-you-agree-the-biden-administration-should-shut-down-all-federal-prisons-and-detention-centers-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_1144174&email\\_subject=10000-signatures-needed-shut-down-us-private-prison-operators-geo-group-and-corecivic](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-urge-biden-to-end-the-use-of-all-private-prisons-and-detention-centers-2?detail=emailactionLL&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-if-you-agree-the-biden-administration-should-shut-down-all-federal-prisons-and-detention-centers-2&email_referrer=email_1144174&email_subject=10000-signatures-needed-shut-down-us-private-prison-operators-geo-group-and-corecivic)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - To Biden and DHS Mayorkas: Stop deportations now.**

[https://action.mijente.net/petitions/biden-mayorkas-stop-deportations-now?ms=20210315\\_email\\_petitionSA&emci=0bab20d3-3085-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=ad5ae7cb-8185-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=264787](https://action.mijente.net/petitions/biden-mayorkas-stop-deportations-now?ms=20210315_email_petitionSA&emci=0bab20d3-3085-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=ad5ae7cb-8185-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=264787)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden to restore US refugee admissions.**

[https://act.rescue.org/fTRVyu5?ms=em\\_updt\\_qlbl\\_mar\\_m1\\_210324&utm\\_source=SilverpopMailing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=MAR\\_2021\\_newsletter\\_qlbl\\_test\\_fy21&ms=em\\_updt\\_qlbl\\_test\\_marb\\_03EA\\_fy21\\_210324&initialms=em\\_updt\\_qlbl\\_test\\_marb\\_03EA\\_fy21\\_210324&utm\\_content=IRC%20Newsletter%20-%20March%202021%20-%20National%20-%20Test%20B&des=03EA&spMailingID=24679617&spUserID=NTM4NjQ2ODI0NjQwS0&spJobID=1941553306&spReportID=MTk0MTU1MzMwNgS2](https://act.rescue.org/fTRVyu5?ms=em_updt_qlbl_mar_m1_210324&utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MAR_2021_newsletter_qlbl_test_fy21&ms=em_updt_qlbl_test_marb_03EA_fy21_210324&initialms=em_updt_qlbl_test_marb_03EA_fy21_210324&utm_content=IRC%20Newsletter%20-%20March%202021%20-%20National%20-%20Test%20B&des=03EA&spMailingID=24679617&spUserID=NTM4NjQ2ODI0NjQwS0&spJobID=1941553306&spReportID=MTk0MTU1MzMwNgS2)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: Demand Biden and Harris allow entry to families denied by Trump's Muslim and African bans.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-president-biden-and-vice-president-harris-stop-upholding-racist-immigration-bans-and-allow-entry-to-families-trump-denied?source=20210406\\_NoMuslimBan\\_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fnomuslimban2020%3Fdetail%3D20210406DKLLSWNoMuslimBanEver&link\\_id=0&refcode>EmailReferrer=email\\_1137693\\_subject\\_1519017&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_1137693\\_subject\\_1519017&email\\_subject=sign-if-you-agree-immigrants-barred-from-entry-to-us-due-to-trumps-hateful-policy-should-be-allowed-into-the-country](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-president-biden-and-vice-president-harris-stop-upholding-racist-immigration-bans-and-allow-entry-to-families-trump-denied?source=20210406_NoMuslimBan_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fnomuslimban2020%3Fdetail%3D20210406DKLLSWNoMuslimBanEver&link_id=0&refcode>EmailReferrer=email_1137693_subject_1519017&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1137693_subject_1519017&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-immigrants-barred-from-entry-to-us-due-to-trumps-hateful-policy-should-be-allowed-into-the-country)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to support a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS recipients and essential workers.**

<https://action.splcenter.org/a/pathway-to-citizenship?emci=298e4998-7f98-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&emdi=37b7faa6-8798-eb11-85aa-0050f237abef&ceid=590538>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Show Congress there is strong support for reforms that will protect voting rights. Add your name to the petition supporting For the People Act (HR 1/S 1)**

[https://act.redistrictingaction.org/a/s1-petition-comment-email?sourceid=1045773&refcode=20210322\\_AOTL\\_NationalAdvocacy\\_CallOut\\_launchB\\_30openers\\_x&emci=136114b6-528b-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=de90a059-628b-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=6659292](https://act.redistrictingaction.org/a/s1-petition-comment-email?sourceid=1045773&refcode=20210322_AOTL_NationalAdvocacy_CallOut_launchB_30openers_x&emci=136114b6-528b-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=de90a059-628b-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=6659292)

### **Action Three: Education**

**Ministries bring hope, comfort to immigrants and asylum seekers at Mexico border -**

<https://thedialog.org/catechetical-corner/ministries-bring-hope-comfort-to-immigrants-and-asylum-seekers-at-u-s-mexico-border/>

**The DACA immigrant fighting to empower young Texas voters -**

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/apr/12/daca-immigrant-texas-voter-suppression>

**Florida man sentenced to 20 years in prison in scheme to defraud immigrants -**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/04/13/florida-elvis-reyes-immigration-fraud/>

**\$2.1 billion for undocumented workers signals NY's progressive shift -**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/08/nyregion/covid-relief-undocumented-workers-nyc.html?smtyp=cur&smid=tw-nytimes>

**(Op-Ed) They sought refuge in our church. ICE fined them \$500,000 -**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/15/opinion/biden-immigrants-sanctuary.html?searchResultPosition=1&fbclid=IwAR3-XS3fjE2Oq2c0UWukkDq3uvoRlPn9322YfC7GPumyixAvQAoTeEgYEA>

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email [hello@icdichicago.org](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen)** Nationally, leaders must improve rollout plans to ensure vaccines are accessible — especially for people of color & immigrants who've been grossly underserved and left out so far. **Thank you for your efforts!**