



**February 15 - 21, 2021**

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

**Outcry as more than 20 babies and children deported by US to Haiti - The Guardian**

**Biden admin will begin processing migrants forced to stay in Mexico, this month - CNN**

**Asylum seekers will soon be allowed to enter at certain US ports - BuzzFeed**

**Tent detention facilities reopened in Texas - KTLA.com**

**US, UN discussing Central American refugee situation - Reuters**

**Federal judge blocks deportation pause two more weeks - Texas Tribune**

**Refugee advocate to expected to head family reunification task force - NBC**

**Texas DACA case could force Congress to move on immigration - Politico**

**Biden proposes raising refugee ceiling to 62,500, quadrupling Trump's historic low cap - CBS**

**As Biden decides what to do with Trump border walls, landowners are in limbo - WSJ**

**Biden to review deportations of veterans, military family that occurred under Trump - McClatchy**

**Nonprofit created at Harvard Univ. helping DACA recipients with free help nationwide - abc13.com**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**God of the journey, God of the traveler, 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 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 adapted)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Restore our asylum system - halt expulsions of people fleeing violence.**

<https://lawg.salsalabs.org/stopexpulsions/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f672b306-5059-42c4-81af-e12ca3a1af48&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=617e3018-9941-458b-b32a-de065604e721>

**NATIONAL LEVEL Who will get pandemic relief? Write to your member of Congress to pass a robust and comprehensive recovery package that meets the needs and urgency of this crisis.**

<https://act.sojo.net/page/26379/action/1?ea.url.id=750825>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to end the Muslim ban. America is a place where all races and religions should be able to live free and equal lives.** <https://muslimadvocates.org/action/no-ban-act/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=9d9ec701-e1f3-4a65-856b-127d95650b39>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to address the root causes of migration from Central America -** [https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm\\_source=congregation&utm\\_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_12\\_28\\_04\\_21&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757](https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm_source=congregation&utm_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_28_04_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass the American Rescue Plan. The health of our nation is at stake.** [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/americanrescueplan&link\\_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_1050028&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_1050028&email\\_subject=tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/americanrescueplan&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1050028&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1050028&email_subject=tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress pass Anti-Racism in public health act and address racism in our health care systems -** [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-pass-the-anti-racism-in-public-health-act-and-address-racism-in-our-health-care-systems?source=2021AntiRacismPublicHealth\\_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/antiracisminpublichealth&link\\_id=2&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_1068235&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_1068235&email\\_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-congress-pass-the-anti-racism-in-public-health-act](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-pass-the-anti-racism-in-public-health-act-and-address-racism-in-our-health-care-systems?source=2021AntiRacismPublicHealth_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/antiracisminpublichealth&link_id=2&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1068235&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1068235&email_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-congress-pass-the-anti-racism-in-public-health-act)

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**NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask your member of Congress to make HR1 a priority in Congress.** <https://publiccitizen.salsalabs.org/forthepeopleact1/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5b961975-c204-427a-8866-97e5d9fb9e54>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send the petition: Demand the Senate pass HR 1, For the People Act, and rebuild our democracy.** [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=2021HR1\\_AFT&referrer=group-americans-for-tax-fairness&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passhr1&link\\_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_1053455&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_1053455&email\\_subject=sign-now-tell-congress-to-empower-working-people-to-access-our-democracy](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=2021HR1_AFT&referrer=group-americans-for-tax-fairness&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passhr1&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1053455&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1053455&email_subject=sign-now-tell-congress-to-empower-working-people-to-access-our-democracy)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to make family reunification a top priority until every single separated family is reunited.** <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-make-family-reunification-a-top-priority>

### **Action Three: Education**

**The story of how Trump officials tried to end H1-B visas -**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2021/02/01/the-story-of-how-trump-officials-tried-to-end-h-1-b-visas/?sh=238c1fa4173f>

**University leaders urge Senate to act quickly on newly introduced Dream Act -**

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2021/02/university-leaders-urge-senate-to-act-quickly-on-newly-introduced-dream-act/>

**El Paso leaders, stakeholders prepare for changes to asylum policy -**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FOL5KMKi978AOlaGtbqlyM8FycmrOAF8KBPmK6npPK0/edit>

**ICE threatens asylum seekers with Covid19 exposure -** <https://theintercept.com/2021/02/06/ice-covid-threat-asylum-deportation/>

**Undoing Trump's anti-immigrant policies will mean looking at the fine print -**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/10/us/politics/trump-biden-us-immigration-system.html?action=click&auth=login-google&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

### **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)** DACA is a temporary reprieve from deportation. We need Congress to pass the Dream Act of 2021 swiftly so they can all become citizens as soon as possible.

**Thank you for your efforts!**