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What's Happening?

Biden proposes FEMA aid for migrant surge - Wash Post

Getting asylum now easier for migrant children - BuzzFeed

Biden officials visited US/Mexico border Saturday amid migrant influx - Reuters

Supreme Court raises bar for some immigrants to avoid deportation - AP

Supreme Court dismisses 'sanctuary' funding dispute - Reuters

Biden admin says it will shorten detention of migrant families - San Diego Union Trib

TX family detention cntrs expected to transform into rapid-processing hubs - Wash Post

TX vaccination site turned away undocumented immigrants over their status, against state policy - Wash Post

Congress may consider separate immigration bills - The Hill

House passes landmark Voting Rights bill - NY Times

New Mexico state employees could face discipline for releasing immigration data - AP

Action One: Prayer

Heart of God, full of mercy, watch over our sister and brother immigrants. Protect them from harm even as they suffer mistreatment and humiliations on their way. Touch with your goodness the hearts of we who see them pass by. Break open our hearts to embrace them and the gift that they are to our communities. Heart of God, full of compassion, give our brothers and sisters in Congress the gift of compassion. Open their eyes to the pain and longing of those affected by their decisions. Give them wisdom as they struggle to repair our unjust immigration system. Break open their hearts to embrace the dreams of our immigrant parents, siblings, and friends. Heart of God, full of love, we give you glory for all the blessings you have given us. Help us to share those blessings with others that we may all know that you are a God of mercy, a God of compassion, a God of love. Break open our hearts that we might embrace the challenge to build a land, a nation, a community where all are welcome. (Interfaith Immigration Coalition FastAction Campaign)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Help pass HR 1. Ask the Senate to make HR 1 a top priority.

<https://publiccitizen.salsalabs.org/forthepeopleact1/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5b961975-c204-427a-8866-97e5d9fb9e54>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact DHS Sec Mayorkas and urge him to go beyond reunification and provide resources needed to heal the trauma caused by US immigration policies.

https://secure.phr.org/secure/reunification?af=K9VKf8Tz7KW5P%2BGllcNAE51ullLdJg2YrDjS0Ha09GmPpLJMcybljD8vIAPmqI66dzmynhO8STeDfXiNkARLmIAsMDfHVGd4FK2fZh66eNBOQcEuQOHicwGQP5YVGOZjI4qc9JFStwUA%2F9VvqWF74LOMZ%2FvPIXQFtt4%2BzNQPo%3D&CID=7015G000001dGYgQAM&ms=FY21_RapidResponse_Email17_activists&utm_medium=email&utm_source=activists&utm_content=Email_17&utm_term=03022021&utm_campaign=FY21_RapidResponse&dm_i=4GV7,DO7Y,1IFFC0,1FDXl,1

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand the Senate pass HR 1 and rebuild our democracy.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=direct_link&referrer=group-california-clean-money-action-fund&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/thanks-hr1&link_id=2&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1095288&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1095288&email_subject=sign-petition-tell-congress-to-pass-hr-1-the-for-the-people-act

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden admin to address the needs of those affected by 'Remain in Mexico' and other related programs.

https://act.hias.org/page/27157/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=hias.org&utm_campaign=advocacy&utm_content=Take+Action:+Ask+President+Biden+to+completely+dismantle+%E2%80%9CRemain+in+Mexico%E2%80%9D

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass the No Ban Act. <https://act.newmode.net/action/mpower-change/congress-pass-clean-no-ban-act?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c0ed9645-d388-4d49-9ce9-ba87b7b9b1b8>

NATIONAL LEVEL - To Biden/Harris - Issue a new Temporary Protective Status (TPS) designation for El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Haiti.

<https://somos.presente.org/petitions/tps-for-nationals-of-central-american-countries-impacted-by-hurricanes-and-storms-1?source=boletin>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop deportations of immigrant families. Urge Biden to halt deportations immediately, and take steps to ensure families remain together and free in the United States.

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/75349/action/1?locale=en-US>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Establish a White House task force on black immigrants. Urge Biden to create a task force on black immigrants to address the unique impact that systemic racism has on Black Immigrants. <https://p2a.co/K7K44Jr>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to Congress to save the USPS and provide services to all. Pass the Postal Banking Act.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-congress-save-the-usps-and-provide-services-to-all-pass-the-postal-banking-act-2?source=direct_link&referrer=group-consumers-united-for-fairness&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=4c77a072-a74e-4607-b63f-ada87ea0ad68

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter to Biden and DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to commit to close the first ten immigrant detention centers as a first step to abolish immigrant detention.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/biden-commit-to-close-the-firstten-immigrant-detention-centers-biden-comprometase-a-cerrar-los-firstten-centros-de-detencion-de-inmigrantes/>

Action Three: Education

Legal snags and possible increases in border arrivals complicate Biden's immigration agenda

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/snags-border-arrivals-biden-immigration-enforcement>

Immigration bill shows need to end employment based immigrant backlog -

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2021/03/01/immigration-bill-shows-need-to-end-employment-based-immigrant-backlog/?sh=738466d8271a>

Unaccompanied kids being held by Border Patrol for 77 hours -

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/03/politics/immigration-us-mexico-border-crisis/index.html>

What is Biden doing differently at the border? <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-56255613>

What happens to migrants whom the US deports back to Guatemala -

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/03/03/biden-wants-halt-deportations-heres-what-happens-when-migrants-are-sent-back/>

Dozens of newly released migrants test positive for the virus; Hundreds of border agents are TX bound. <https://www.borderreport.com/hot-topics/immigration/dozens-of-newly-released-migrants-test-positive-for-virus-hundreds-of-border-agents-are-south-texas-bound/>

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 with a request

Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen) As people of faith, we celebrate Women's History Month by demanding Congress pass the Covid Relief bill and Citizenship for All bill for 11M undocumented and recognize that immigrant women have risked their lives as essential workers.

Thank you for your efforts!