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What's Happening?

Children are sleeping on mats in overcrowded border facilities - NY Times

As US/Mexico are stretched, more migrant families 'released' inside US - NBC News

Biden DHS chief says 'border is closed' but US won't expel children - Politico

House passes two immigration bills that would establish path to citizenship - NBC News

US facing biggest migrant surge in 20 years per DHS - Reuters

Red Cross to care for migrant children at TX facility - Newsweek

As Republicans attack Biden on immigration, polls show support from their voters - Reuters

Texas nonprofits doing Covid testing - KRGV.com

US grants Myanmar nationals relief from deportation after military coup - Reuters

FEMA says Covid positivity rate among migrants is lower than Texas average - CBS News

Action One: Prayer

God of Goodness, we come to you humbled by the truth of our lives. We have been busy about so many things, that we have neglected to show concern and tenderness towards our struggling immigrant brothers and sisters. We have not dared to speak when they have been unjustly treated, we've not cared about their perilous journey to this country nor their heartbreak at having to flee from terror and violence only to be met by fear, suspicion and detention. Our indifference will be our judge. Give us your eyes to see and ears to hear the immigrants' cries to belong. Give us hearts open to welcome and to accept the gifts that they are. Grant us the ability to forgive ourselves and to ask for reconciliation from the One who gave His life so that all of us might live fully. Amen. (author unknown)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress and the Biden admin to protect black immigrants and asylum seekers from deportation and family separation. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-and-biden-administration-to-protect-black-immigrants-and-asylum-seekers-from-deportation-and-family-separation/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Pres. Biden and Sec. Mayorkas - new TPS for Central America and Haitian nationals now. <https://somos.presente.org/petitions/tps-for-nationals-of-central-american-countries-impacted-by-hurricanes-and-storms-1>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Write to Congress urging them to address the link between immigration policies and human trafficking. When people cannot safely provide for themselves, they have a right to migrate. Because of our dysfunctional immigration policies, many people seeking our help are put further at risk. <https://www.congressweb.com/gsnac#/274>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to pass the Dream and Promise Act. <https://www.nilc.org/action-dream-and-promise/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=79446fef-7823-47a5-ae99-d7749706f3af>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden to commit to close the first ten immigrant detention centers.

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin to protect refugees - <https://p2a.co/xRLifBR>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden and HHS to keep Homestead child detention center closed.

https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/keep-homestead-child-detention-center-closed?share=1824cbe8-f6f7-4ef4-9e3b-69f984efb197&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email

NATIONAL LEVEL - Pass S.1 - For the People Act - to protect and expand voting rights for all.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-the-for-the-people-act-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=SenatePassS1_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passs1&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1108366&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1108366&email_subject=the-voting-rights-of-black-and-brown-people-are-under-attack

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Senate must pass For the People Act, so that our voices are heard.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-the-for-the-people-act-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=direct_link&referrer=group-consumers-united-for-fairness&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5280c02f-46dd-4c38-b67d-ddafda261663

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 - Tell Congress to urge the Biden admin to sign the Presidential

Determination. https://act.hias.org/page/27436/action/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=hias.org&utm_campaign=advocacy&utm_content=The+Biden+administration+must+act+quickly+to+increase+the+refugee+admissions+ceiling&ea.url.id=783130

Action Three: Education

Undocumented migrants pay into programs they may never benefited from

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/2021/03/15/undocumented-ohio-immigrants-taxes-no-benefits/4628218001/>

Undocumented parents can claim their migrant children detained at the border -

<https://www.univision.com/noticias/inmigracion/padres-indocumentados-pueden-reclamar-sin-miedo-hijos-migrantes-detenido-frontera>

Advocacy groups ask CBP to withdraw biometrics expansion proposal -

<https://www.nextgov.com/emerging-tech/2021/03/advocacy-groups-again-ask-cbp-withdraw-biometrics-expansion-proposal/172680/>

Trump's incomplete border wall in pieces that could linger for decades -

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/16/us/border-wall-trump-biden.html?action=click&module=Spotlight&pgtype=Homepage>

Red Cross to care for migrant children at Texas facility originally built for oilfield workers -

<https://www.newsweek.com/red-cross-care-migrant-children-texas-facility-originally-built-oilfield-workers-1576331>

Putting the US-Mexico border crisis narrative in context https://www.wola.org/analysis/putting-border-crisis-narrative-into-context-2021/?utm_source=Bloomerang+Donor+List&utm_campaign=a2d6bc6ac5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_03_17_02_34_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d8a3ddf764-a2d6bc6ac5-149049413

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: (@Sen) Senators need to vote YES on the Dream and Promise Act. Immigrants need access to healthcare relief and protections NOW. This is the moment to finally give them a pathway to citizenship.

Thank you for your efforts!