



June 19 - 25, 2023

What's Happening

US suspends asylum appts in TX border city after extortion reports - Reuters

Chicago hotel industry in support of bill that would fast track work permits for migrants - ABC7 Chicago

Global refugee population hits all time high - Politico

New large scale migrant detention center opens in Northeast El Paso - Border Report

TX sends busload of 42 migrants to Los Angeles - LA Times

FL's new immigration law is pushing Guatemalans to flee again - WLRN.org

FL appeals court raises questions in migrant records case - CBS Miami

DHS to distribute \$290 million to communities that received migrants - Border Report

Costa Rica-US immigration agreement aims to manage region's flow - AP

Guatemala says US funded transit centers to receive applications from Central American migrants - AP

Republicans urge immigrants to stay in FL, fearing new law's impact - Newsweek

US to extend TPS for El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal and Nicaragua which helps over 300,000 immigrants - CBS News

Action One: Prayer

Lord God, in your eyes no one is a stranger, an outsider, an "illegal." Protect all who come to our borders in search of a better future for their families. Touch the hearts of our leaders that families may be reunited and justice may be tempered with mercy. Heal the pain of those who undergo separation and keep the children safe from all harm. Show us how to be generous and to make room for others in this land, for we are all your sons and daughters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (St. James Cathedral, Seattle)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Support DACA on its 11th anniversary. Remind your MOC that we must create a pathway to citizenship for DACA holders. <https://act.sojo.net/page/53610/action/1?ea.url.id=1819492&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass a pathway to citizenship for DACA now.

https://act.nilc.org/page/53665/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230613_DACAlookback_NILC&ea.url.id=1821168&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - 11 years of DACA - calls for a resolution. <https://www.congressweb.com/GSNAC/325/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Spread the sunshine: Sign to support immigrants in Florida.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/spread-the-sunshine-sign-to-support-immigrants-in-florida/?source=partner>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC to co-sign the Lift Your Bar Act.

<https://act.nilc.org/page/51422/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20230420 LTBA NILC&ea.url.id=1730645&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - The New Way Forward Act provides a bold vision of what our immigration system should look like and advances our values of compassion and respect for everyone's rights. Add you name in support of the New Way Forward Act -

<https://newwayforwardact.org/2022/02/28/support-nwf-petition/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden: No family detention.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-president-biden-no-family-detention>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Let the Biden Admin know that it's wrong to support family detention.

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-no-family-detention?source=2023FamilyDetention MPC&referrer=group-mpower-change&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mpowerchange.org>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to Biden - we need compassionate immigration reform.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform?detail=emailaction&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform-2&email_referrer=email_1919470&email_subject=sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-we-need-compassionate-immigration-reform

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to defund hate and cut ICE and CBP funding NOW.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/where-do-you-want-your-taxes-to-go?link_id=1&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-where-do-your-taxes-to-go&email_referrer=email_1884919&email_subject=where-do-your-taxes-go

Action Three: Education

Fellowship equips community members as non-legal reps in immigration cases -

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/fellowship-equips-community-members-as-nonlegal-representatives-in-immigration-cases/ar-AA1cu1Sp>

A new book unveils how undocumented immigrants navigate everyday forms of surveillance -

<https://news.stanford.edu/2023/06/13/stanford-sociologist-unveils-undocumented-immigrants-navigate-everyday-forms-surveillance/>

(Research) Why legal immigration is nearly impossible - <https://www.cato.org/policy-analysis/why-legal-immigration-nearly-impossible#>

Immigrant 'Dreamers' share worries as DACA remains in legal limbo on 11th anniversary -

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/daca-turns-11-white-house-calls-immigration-reform/story?id=100084798>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisJJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen) 11 years ago on June 15, immigrant youth won DACA – a policy that's allowed 800,000+ young immigrants to pursue their dreams and build their lives in the US. But DACA is NOT ENOUGH. Congress must take action

Thank you for your efforts!