



**January 30 – February 5, 2023**

### **What's Happening**

**The number of immigrants crossing the SW border unlawfully has decreased - Wash Post**

**TX Republicans push for \$4.6 billion more for border security, feel 'zero' pressure to cut back - Houston Chronicle**

**New Mexico bill would ban contracts for migration detention - AP**

**CO is about to launch the country's first unemployment fund for undocumented immigrants - Fast Company**

**New app allows asylum seekers to request Title 42 exemption - Fronteras Desk**

**Biden extends deportation protection for Hong Kong residents - LA Times**

**77 Dems send a letter to Biden criticizing his border and immigration policies - NBC News**

**US House Oversight Committee to hold border hearing in early February - CNN**

**TX leads 20 Republican states in suing Biden admin over migrant parole - Fox News**

**US border arrests drop in January after new Biden restrictions - Reuters**

**NJ expands child health care regardless of immigration status - New Jersey Monitor**

**Biden limits asylum access after promising expansion - CBS News**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**God our refuge, you share the journey with migrants and refugees, lightening their footsteps with hope. For you, Lord, are close to the broken-hearted. Pour out your Spirit upon world leaders. May they see the tragedies of our human family, and be moved to respond with wisdom, compassion and courage. Open our eyes and hearts to the God-given dignity of all your people. Move us to welcome our neighbors, and so bear witness to your love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen. (Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden and Congress to work together, advance permanent solutions, and manage our border. <https://p2a.co/Jc0LzCJ>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell our natl leaders to welcome people seeking protection and reject dangerous and immoral anti-asylum policies. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-our-national-leaders-to-welcome-people-seeking-protection-and-reject-dangerous-and-immoral-anti-asylum-policies/>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress - undocumented youth need protection from deportation. [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections\\_for\\_dreamers&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email=](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections_for_dreamers&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email=)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to end, not expand Title 42.** [https://secure.phr.org/secure/biden-end-not-expand-title-42?af=K9VKf8Tz7KW5P%2BGilcNAE51uIlLdJg2YrDjS0Ha09GmPpLJMcybljD8vIAPmql66dzmynh08STeDfXInkARLmIAsMDfHVGD4FK2fZf66eNBOQcEuQOHICwGQP5YVGOZjI4qc9JFStwUA%2F9VvqWF74LOMZ%2FvPIXQFtt4%2BzNQPo%3D&CID=7015G000000754QAC&ms=FY23\\_Asylum\\_Email4\\_FullFile\\_Advoca&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_source=FullFile&utm\\_content=Email4&utm\\_term=Advocacy&utm\\_campaign=FY23\\_Asylum&dm\\_i=4GV7,J4TU,11FFC0,2436B,1](https://secure.phr.org/secure/biden-end-not-expand-title-42?af=K9VKf8Tz7KW5P%2BGilcNAE51uIlLdJg2YrDjS0Ha09GmPpLJMcybljD8vIAPmql66dzmynh08STeDfXInkARLmIAsMDfHVGD4FK2fZf66eNBOQcEuQOHICwGQP5YVGOZjI4qc9JFStwUA%2F9VvqWF74LOMZ%2FvPIXQFtt4%2BzNQPo%3D&CID=7015G000000754QAC&ms=FY23_Asylum_Email4_FullFile_Advoca&utm_medium=Email&utm_source=FullFile&utm_content=Email4&utm_term=Advocacy&utm_campaign=FY23_Asylum&dm_i=4GV7,J4TU,11FFC0,2436B,1)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Restore and adequately resource the asylum system -**  
<https://www.congressweb.com/GSNAC/320/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden: allow entry to families denied by Trump's Muslim and African bans -** <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-president-biden-allow-entry-to-families-denied-by-trumps-muslim-and-african-bans/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - DACA still in danger! ADD YOUR NAME: PROTECT ALL IMMIGRANTS!**  
[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-up-now-to-defend-all-immigrants?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-up-now-to-defend-all-immigrants?source=direct_link&)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress that undocumented immigrant youth need protection.**  
[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections\\_for\\_dreamers&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_1765882&email\\_subject=immigrant-rights-are-human-rights&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_1765882](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-undocumented-immigrant-youth-need-protection-from-deportations/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/protections_for_dreamers&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1765882&email_subject=immigrant-rights-are-human-rights&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1765882)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to reject anti-asylum policies that perpetuate violence and racism.** <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-reject-anti-asylum-policies-that-perpetuate-violence-and-racism/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Sign onto the AOC-Menendez letter against the expansion of Title 42 and the Trump era asylum ban.** [https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-sign-on-to-the-aoc-menendez-letter-against-the-expansion-of-title-42-and-the-trump-era-asylum-ban/?link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-tell-congress-support-immigrants-rights-cancel-asylum-bans-now&email\\_referrer=email\\_1793363&email\\_subject=tell-congress-support-immigrants-rights-cancel-asylum-bans-now](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-sign-on-to-the-aoc-menendez-letter-against-the-expansion-of-title-42-and-the-trump-era-asylum-ban/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-tell-congress-support-immigrants-rights-cancel-asylum-bans-now&email_referrer=email_1793363&email_subject=tell-congress-support-immigrants-rights-cancel-asylum-bans-now)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Philadelphia DA Krasner to Support Justice for Denis Calderon.**  
[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/ask-philadelphia-district-attorney-larry-krasner-to-support-justice-for-denis-calderon?clear\\_id=true&source=email-rapid-action-call-on-da-krasner-to-support-justice-for-denis](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/ask-philadelphia-district-attorney-larry-krasner-to-support-justice-for-denis-calderon?clear_id=true&source=email-rapid-action-call-on-da-krasner-to-support-justice-for-denis)

### **Action Three: Education**

**On the high seas between Florida and Cuba, US immigration policy a matter of life and death**  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/01/23/cubans-face-life-death-journey-u-s-immigration-policy-shifts/10994551002/>

**Documentary recounts tense green card interview -** <https://www.sltrib.com/arts/living/2023/01/22/utah-filmmaker-tells-an/>

**The number of immigrants crossing the SW border unlawfully has decreased -**  
<https://wapo.st/3DkxYIW>

**Colorado is about to launch the country's first unemployment fund for undocumented immigrants -** <https://www.fastcompany.com/90838985/colorado-is-about-to-launch-the-countrys-first-unemployment-fund-for-undocumented-immigrants>

**USCIS faces new class action lawsuit for its extreme delays in processing waivers -**  
<https://immigrationimpact.com/2023/01/26/uscis-class-action-lawsuit-processing-waivers-delays/?emci=5a9ea589-899e-ed11-994c-00224832eb73&emdi=81cb5e9a-e59f-ed11-994c-00224832eb73&ceid=9493976>

**This restaurant is run by grandmothers. The customers clap for them each night.**  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2023/01/24/staten-island-nonna-grandmothers-restaurant/?utm\\_campaign=wp\\_main&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR2UzOJmznU9-IDckOFnufYOT9uPnEOJW4dP5c\\_vWg7VrJ2\\_EaufekrdHY](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2023/01/24/staten-island-nonna-grandmothers-restaurant/?utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR2UzOJmznU9-IDckOFnufYOT9uPnEOJW4dP5c_vWg7VrJ2_EaufekrdHY)

### **Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY:** The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 7:15 a.m. 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 you are interested in participating, email [kdonayre@icdichicago.org](mailto:kdonayre@icdichicago.org) to be added to the emailing list.

**ICDI Monthly meetings:** Monthly meetings on the 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. Everyone is welcome. Register here:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spioHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5Bwjinisj>

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep)** We are failing as a country to welcome others. We must give people the chance to seek asylum and pursue a better life – not slam the door or throw them on a bus somewhere thousands of miles away. **Thank you for your efforts**