



June 19 - 25, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

The US House passed legislation on tax credits for health insurance - illegal immigrants can't access tax credits for health insurance premiums. Confirmation of their legal status through social security. By Christiana Marcos, The Hill

Dreamers can stay in the US for now - long-term fate is unclear - Trump will not immediately eliminate protections. by Michael D. Shear and Vivian Lee NY Times

ICE Shuttles Detention Alternative for Asylum Seekers - The asylum-seekers that ICE spares confinement at family detention centers have been placed in an intrusive "intensive supervision" program as they await court hearings By Frank Bajak, Associated Press

Alternatives to Detention and the For-Profit Immigration System: Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) is part of Department of Homeland Security's push for expanded use of alternatives to detention owned by **Geo Group—a for-profit** company that owns a network of prisons. By Jason Frenandes - Center for American Progress

World Refugee Day - June 20. *We commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees. This year, World Refugee Day also marks a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee.* <http://www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/>

Action One: Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own. Look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief. Inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts, and guide the nations of world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and peace. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. (From Catholic Bishops Conference)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

HR 2581: NATL LEVEL - called "Verify First" Act, aims to put up serious roadblocks to prevent many citizens and immigrants from purchasing affordable, quality health insurance. Stand up and tell Congress to vote NO to HR 2581 <http://action.nilc.org/page/s/tell-congress-we-oppose-hr-2581?refcode=em170609>

NATL LEVEL - Stand With Refugees - Make a phone call to your Member of Congress to tell them that you want the United States to be a welcoming country for refugees. Call 1-844-4STAND5 (1-844-478-2635) to connect to your Members of Congress. Please call this number 3 times to connect to your two Senators and Representative. Tell them you want the U.S. to be a welcoming country for refugees.

STATE LEVEL - PLEASE encourage Governor Rauner to sign the TRUST Act immediately!

1) Call Gov Rauner's Springfield (217-782-0244) **AND** Chicago (312-814-2121) office!

2) Say: "Hello, my name is _____. I am an Illinois resident I am calling to ask that Governor Rauner to sign the Illinois TRUST Act, SB-31. This will protect our 4th amendment rights, and will make me, my family and people I care about more secure in Illinois. Can you pass this message along to the Governor? Thank you."

HB 2394 : STATE LEVEL ---HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID PLEASE CALL TO HAVE THE STUDENTS TO HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL: Please help push the **STUDENT ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL** to a vote by calling your Rep and those below. HB2394 would give public universities the power to grant economic aid to students regardless of their immigration status. Please provide 4 year public universities with the legal authority to provide financial aid to undocumented students who qualify for in-state tuition. Please call these representatives below; Dan Brady - 217 782 1118; Norine Hammond 217 782 0416; Christine Winger 217 782 4014; Sara Jimenez; 217 782 0040; Natalie Manning 217 782 2316; Dave Severin 217 781 1051; Rita Mayfield ; 217 558 1012; David Olsen 217 558 6587; Jim Durkin 217 558 0494

[In honor of World Refugee Day, tell your congressional representative to co-sponsor H.R. 2408 Protecting Girls' Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings.](#)

Fracking exemptions - Fracking puts our drinking water at risk. A provision tacked on '05 Energy Policy Act stripped the EPA of authority to regulate fracking nicknamed the Halliburton loophole. Add your voice to close loopholes in the law that protect water.
https://environmentamerica.webaction.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=20673&utm_source=Salsa&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=AME4-FFRK;DRINKWATFRK-0317&utm_content=EM9:01A:0HH-LLP&uid=4349406ws

Action Three: Education

Lawyers Convention Leaves Texas over State's New Immigration Law

(SB4) <http://www.lexisnexis.com/legalnewsroom/immigration/b/outsidenews/archive/2017/06/08/lawyers-convention-leaves-texas-over-state-39-s-new-immigration-law-sb-4.aspx>

Supreme Court Just Made Messy Immigration Law Worse - *Morales-Santana is a complicated case involving unwed parents and passing of citizenship based on parents' gender and which one is the US citizen.*

<http://portside.org/2017-06-13/supreme-court-just-made-our-messed-immigration-l> **and also**
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/justices-strike-down-citizenship-law-over-gender-differences/2017/06/12/f1a02f36-4f7a-11e7-b74e-0d2785d3083d_story.html?utm_campaign=8ea64951df-CLINIC_Daily_6-15-17&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CLINIC%20Mail&utm_term=.cf5d86cc1196#comments

Chief Justice in Connecticut asks ICE to stay out of courthouse.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/judge-courthouse-immigration-arrests_us_59398006e4b0c5a35c9d3928?ncid=tweetInkushpmsg00000016§ion=politics&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=da2bed1349-CLINIC_Daily_6-9-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-da2bed1349-279173657

Immigrant Solidarity newsletter: <http://www.immigrantsolidarity.org/>

Justice for Immigrant Call: Wednesday, June 21, 2017; 2 p.m. ET; Dial 1-800-446-1161 and use conference code 106181 Good information and actions

Free Webinar, Fighting for Dignity: Advocacy Tools for Improving Medical Care for Immigrants in Detention, on Jun 27, 2017 at 2PM EST/1 pm CST/12 noon MST/11:00 AM PST.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7142382837207273474>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Action Four: Action

Chicago Welcoming Ordinance - (WCO) limits collaboration between Chicago police and ICE. Call on City Council to remove exceptions in the law, and provide one policy of protection for all! 1. Call you Alderman: [Find your Alderman Here](#) by entering your address. You can say: Hello, my name is _____ I live at _____ and am a resident of this ward. I'm calling to today to ask Alderman _____ to support a Welcoming City Ordinance with no carve-outs which enable ICE and local police collaboration. Residents have Constitutional rights regardless of their immigration status or background.
<http://www.icirr.org/news-events/news/details/2098/carve-outs-to-welcoming-city-ordinance-not-acceptable-chicago-communities-call-o>

Action Five: Social Media -- [@WhiteHouse](#) #Refugees are people looking for the same thing that everyone wants: happiness and a safe home for their families.

Thank you for your efforts!

