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What's Happening?

Undocumented Venezuelans given protected status in the US - NPR

Biden will deploy FEMA to care for young people crossing border in record numbers - Wash Post

A border community, ICE at odds over release of detainees with Covid - Wash Post

On Mexico's border with US, desperation as migrant traffic piles up - NY Times

House to test waters on immigration overhaul with votes on two bills - WSJ

Florida sues to end Biden's detention directives - AP

Biden restarts Central American minors program - Reuters

SC dismisses case related to Trump era 'public charge' rule - CNN

New FHA policy allows home loans to DACA recipients - Tampa Bay Times

Biden admin, TX governor disagree on Covid19 testing for migrants - WSGW.com

ICE adding new appeals process for immigrants who've been detained - BuzzFeed

Biden admin eyes new housing facilities for migrant children - The Hill

Action One: Prayer

O Lord, in this liturgy, a liturgy of repentance, we ask forgiveness for the indifference towards so many brothers and sisters, we ask forgiveness for those who are pleased with themselves, who are closed in on their own well-being In a way that leads to the anesthesia of the heart, we ask you, Father, for forgiveness for those who with their decisions at the global level have created situations that lead to these tragedies. Forgive us, Lord! O Lord, even today let us hear your questions: "Adam, where are you?" "Where is the blood of your brother?" Amen. (Quoted from Pope Francis homily on the Island of Lampedusa: "The Globalization of Indifference")

Action Two: Calls/Letters

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 - 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 - Sign the Cuba Petition to President Biden to restore diplomatic ties

between the U.S. and Cuba! <https://lawq.salsalabs.org/us-cuba-petition/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=702201e7-b257-44d0-bfb3-a42eaede9f28>

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 - 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%2BGllcNAE51uIlLdJg2YrDjS0Ha09GmPpLJMcybljD8vIAPmql66dzmynhO8StEDfXInkARLmIAsMDfHVgd4FK2fZb66eNBOQcEuQOHICwGQP5YVGOZjI4qc9JFStwUA%2F9VvqWF74LOMZ%2FvPIXQFt4%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.1IFFC0.1FDX1.1

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

Biden task force explores legal status for separated migrant families. It could get complicated. <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/immigration/story/2021-03-07/biden-task-force-separated-migrant-families>

Special Report: How the Trump admin left an indelible mark on US immigration courts.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-trump-court-special-r/special-report-how-trump-administration-left-indelible-mark-on-u-s-immigration-courts-idUSKBN2B0179>

Examining the Economic Contributions of undocumented immigrants by country of origin -

<https://research.newamericaneconomy.org/report/contributions-of-undocumented-immigrants-by-country/?emci=28c5f2c3-2280-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=02992d83-2b80-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=426147>

in 2019, the US undocumented population continued a decade long decline and the foreign born population neared zero growth -

https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2311502421993746?utm_source=Center+for+Migration+Studies+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=622ce15feb-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_12_10_06_32_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_74e5cba118-622ce15feb-111981633&

Smugglers use wristbands to track migrants - <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-border/color-coded-passage-why-smugglers-are-tagging-u-s-bound-migrants-with-wristbands-idUSKBN2B12E6>

Obstacles persist for reuniting families separated at US Mexico border -

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/immigration/obstacles-persist-reuniting-families-separated-us-mexico-border>

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) Please make sure undocumented immigrants are able to get vaccinated so they're protected from COVID, without ICE interfering. They shouldn't be arrested for getting a vaccine. EVERYONE should have access to the Covid vaccine.

Thank you for your efforts!