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What's Happening

Early rift over immigration exposes House GOP's tough path to consensus - Wash Post

Canada welcomes record number of immigrants, seeks more - VOA

Title 42 Covid ban at the southern border may end on May 11 - NBC News

Tx Gov names border czar to crack down on illegal immigration, lethal drugs - Austin Am. Statesman

Republicans hold first in a series of hearings on Biden's handling of US Mexico border - CNN

Biden admin unveils new green card design with eye on enhanced security - The Hill

Asylum seekers reject NYC shelter citing bad living conditions - NBC News

Haitians in the US feel pressure to sponsor friends, family back home - Reuters

Nine Republican-led states ask judge to block DACA program - CNN

Online system to seek asylum is quickly overwhelmed - wfmz.com/AP

FL grand jury seeks to curb state's release of undocumented immigrants - wfsu.com

Action One: Prayer

Dear God, be with those who encounter the many people who have traveled far from their homes, leaving almost everything behind. Bring humanitarian workers, advocates, law enforcement officers and so many others empathy and compassion in their service. Help them to follow your commandment to love their neighbors as themselves. May they and each of us place ourselves in the footsteps of refugees and immigrants. Bless those who encounter in their daily work global family members seeking better lives away from the ravages of war and famine and economic inequity. Guide these workers and all of us to best love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen. *(Adapted from a prayer by Kathy McGourty)*

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Biden and Congress to make immigration reforms a top priority.

<https://p2a.co/YtXyQRd>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Philadelphia DA Krasner to Support Justice for Denis Calderon.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/ask-philadelphia-district-attorney-jarry-krasner-to-support-justice-for-denis-calderon?clear_id=true&source=email-rapid-action-call-on-da-krasner-to-support-justice-for-denis

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&emai

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 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 President Biden to end, not expand Title 42. https://secure.phr.org/secure/biden-end-not-expand-title-42?af=K9VKf8Tz7KW5P%2BGllcNAE51uIlLdJg2YrDJS0Ha09GmPpLJMcybjID8vIAPmqI66dzmyhO8STeDfXiNKARLmIAsMDfHVGd4FK2fZ66eNBOQcEuQOHiCwGQP5YVGOZjI4qc9JFStwUA%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,1IFFC0,2436B,1

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 - 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

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

Action Three: Education

What new immigration policies mean for US and Latin America - <https://www.npr.org/2023/01/29/1152387227/what-bidens-new-immigration-policies-mean-for-the-united-states-and-latin-america>

Death of asylum seeker highlights mental health challenges - <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/1/27/23553779/chicago-illinois-immigration-mental-health-asylum-seekers-texas-colorado-shelter-wellness-trauma>

Nine Republican-led states ask judge to block DACA program - <https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/31/politics/daca-program-republican-states/index.html>

Fewer migrants risk jungle trek after new US rules, official says - <https://www.voanews.com/a/fewer-migrants-risk-jungle-trek-after-new-us-rules-official-says-6937761.html>

(Opinion) Asylum has become a parallel immigration system. Here's how to fix that. <https://wapo.st/40jDQfo>

Solutions for a humane border policy - https://immigrantjustice.org/staff/blog/solutions-humane-border-policy?utm_source=suppnewsletter_feb23&utm_medium=email&utm_content=textlink&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=92a17e4a-d457-436c-b5e8-844c6be6e6ed

Effects of increased migrant arrivals felt beyond southern US - https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/30/briefing/new-york-migrants.html?unlocked_article_code=2SNTEHQlh9tgrIFrKNOHldLqrNBbAxNNifvm605ffn28IvoReoxmTXisvmVgkMT2V6vKfeyCIDMgyNPQnCQIY_KsQwEJodWO4Rh6YUkzwPXQ6wFd2apTBUSjG6a_fzQXe-0_m186vsKtjuTIQowjFfWcxvxfVphTH5G3-m9uFb55TNFfy7GNmRzTPKnmqxy3-vEd4fFXj00OzVX2W4B-0GJkVfHrQ2crXFTFGJkVIMtdlzPI7N3vrbQJ7fjVSE1C8KU8VILAEOpQVVImp7hh94qMOnS5XjPtgn5X4dw6Yg57t8li8JF7nx8QZujLZyc1IWQpmgdGphnlv_A&smid=share-url

The new US policy returns weary Cuban asylum seekers to Mexico - <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/jan/31/us-mexico-border-asylum-seekers-biden-rule-change>

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 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/tZwsde2spjotHtJbQ97mO9XQRns5BwjinisJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) Anti-immigrant politicians will stop at nothing to end DACA. Congress must act before it's too late. **Thank you for your efforts!**