



**October 19 - 25, 2020**

### **What's Happening?**

**Supreme Court to review Trump border wall funding, asylum policies - The Hill**

**Seattle started Covid19 relief fund helping undocumented immigrants - Seattle Times**

**There is a regulatory rush by fed'l agencies to secure Trump's legacy - NY Times**

**El Paso shelter for migrant children opens largely empty due to Covid - El Paso Times**

**Trump admin "surreptitiously" deported Venezuelans through a third country - Univision**

**Immigration officials criticize non-cooperating local officials - Philadelphia Inquirer**

**Amid pandemic, sharply increased US detention times puts migrants at risk - Reuters**

**Supreme Court to weigh Trump census plan to exclude noncitizens - AP**

**Cameroonian asylum seekers pulled off deportation plane amid allegations of ICE abuse - NBC News**

**US agents in Guatemala detained Honduran migrants in unauthorized ops: Senate report - The Hill**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Lord of All, some of us make our homes on hills, others in valleys. Some in tall buildings, some on shorelines, some at risk on the street. And we divide up our patches with lines we scratch into the ground and call them borders. Where the lines don't suffice, we build fences. Where fences fail, we dig moats. Where moats aren't enough, we erect walls. But what if we were to look across these borders? Across fence, moat, and wall and see you on the other side? Lord, teach us to reach across all borders, fabricated or natural, to join with all our brothers and sisters to unify, and not separate. To honor all who wander seeking hope, seeking opportunity—seeking you as assuredly as we seek you. Lord, let no border ring our hearts. May we find a place within them for all. Turn our hands from building walls toward building justice. Stretch our arms across fence, wall and moat to seek out those on the other side that we might find you in each other's eyes, In each other's hands, In each other's wounds. Amen (CRS)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Senators to fight for the needs of working people and reject Judge Barrett's lifetime appt to the Supreme Court -**

**[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-senate-fight-for-the-needs-of-working-people-and-reject-judge-barretts-lifetime-appointment-to-serve-on-the-supreme-court-of-the-united-states/?link\\_id=4&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-sign-if-you-agree-the-senate-must-reject-trumps-effort-to-stack-the-court&email\\_referrer=email\\_961600&email\\_subject=re-sign-if-you-agree-the-senate-must-reject-trumps-effort-to-stack-the-court](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-senate-fight-for-the-needs-of-working-people-and-reject-judge-barretts-lifetime-appointment-to-serve-on-the-supreme-court-of-the-united-states/?link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-sign-if-you-agree-the-senate-must-reject-trumps-effort-to-stack-the-court&email_referrer=email_961600&email_subject=re-sign-if-you-agree-the-senate-must-reject-trumps-effort-to-stack-the-court)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to welcome more refugees in FY2021.**

**[https://www.voterve.net/LIRS/campaigns/77559/respond?mc\\_cid=afc10a1589&mc\\_eid=00799a9069](https://www.voterve.net/LIRS/campaigns/77559/respond?mc_cid=afc10a1589&mc_eid=00799a9069)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Senate to pass a meaningful Covid19 relief package.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-senate-pass-a-meaningful-covid-19-relief-package/?link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-add-your-name-the-senate-must-pass-covid-19-relief-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_945401\\_cohort\\_6325&email\\_subject=re-add-your-name-the-senate-must-pass-covid-19-relief](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-senate-pass-a-meaningful-covid-19-relief-package/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-add-your-name-the-senate-must-pass-covid-19-relief-2&email_referrer=email_945401_cohort_6325&email_subject=re-add-your-name-the-senate-must-pass-covid-19-relief)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand US hotel chains stop fueling ICE's deportation machine.**

[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-that-us-hotel-chains-stop-fueling-ices-deportation-machine?detail=emailactionLL&link\\_id=2&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-demand-that-us-hotel-chains-stop-fueling-ices-deportation-machine-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_948715&email\\_subject=sign-if-you-agree-hotel-chains-must-end-any-contracts-or-subcontracts-with-ice](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-that-us-hotel-chains-stop-fueling-ices-deportation-machine?detail=emailactionLL&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-demand-that-us-hotel-chains-stop-fueling-ices-deportation-machine-2&email_referrer=email_948715&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-hotel-chains-must-end-any-contracts-or-subcontracts-with-ice)

**NATIONAL LEVEL -Protect the Natl Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Sign the petition:**

[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-now-dont-let-trump-destroy-nepa?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=3&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-petition-trump-has-dismantled-the-national-environmental-policy-act-we-all-need-to-speak-out-now-sign-before-midnight-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_951179&email\\_subject=petition-trump-has-dismantled-the-national-environmental-policy-act-we-all-need-to-speak-out-now-sign-before-midnight](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-now-dont-let-trump-destroy-nepa?detail=emailaction&link_id=3&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-petition-trump-has-dismantled-the-national-environmental-policy-act-we-all-need-to-speak-out-now-sign-before-midnight-2&email_referrer=email_951179&email_subject=petition-trump-has-dismantled-the-national-environmental-policy-act-we-all-need-to-speak-out-now-sign-before-midnight)

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**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS to restore the right to asylum.**

<https://jesuitmigrantsolidarity.org/restore-right-to-asylum/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congressional Republicans to push for refugee resettlement**

**increases.** [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/add-your-name-urge-congressional-republicans-to-push-for-refugee-resettlement-increases?source=20200921\\_Refugees\\_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2FdKllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D20200921DKLLSWRefugees&link\\_id=4&refcode>EmailReferrer=email\\_933157&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_933157&email\\_subject=re-trumps-refugee-ban](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/add-your-name-urge-congressional-republicans-to-push-for-refugee-resettlement-increases?source=20200921_Refugees_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2FdKllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D20200921DKLLSWRefugees&link_id=4&refcode>EmailReferrer=email_933157&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_933157&email_subject=re-trumps-refugee-ban)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action now: Urge Congress to hold the admin accountable to resettling refugees -**

<https://greateras1.org/take-action-now-urge-congress-to-hold-the-administration-accountable-to-resettling-refugees/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to protect migrants and refugees in a Covid19 relief pkg.**

<https://sistersagainstrafficking.salsalabs.org/WorldRefugeeDay2020/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=24106526-ce35-4684-8bd3-fe2784bfbb82>

**Action Three: Education**

**What is TPS and how is it impacting Florida's essential workers? -** <https://chanzuckerberg.com/blog/what-is-tps-and-how-is-it-impacting-floridas-essential-workers/>

**Undocumented immigrants and churches that give them sanctuary face breaking points -**

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/church-sanctuary-fatigue-fumcoq-advocate-immigrant-trump-immigration-20201009.html>

**Refugee data on religion disappears as fewer persecuted Christians admitted to US -**

<https://religionnews.com/2020/10/13/refugees-pesecuted-christians-trump-world-relief-state-department-resettlement-statistics-processing-system/>

**Immigrants, Nobel prize and the American dream -**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/10/14/immigrants-nobel-prizes-and-the-american-dream/#42881fe4372e>

**Trump vs. Biden on immigration policy: DACA, asylum seekers -**

<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/16/919258401/trumps-and-biden-s-plans-on-immigration>

**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](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request.

**Action Five: Social Media: (@Trump)** As people of faith, we believe America must remain a country of welcome. Please do your part to see that the administration commits to resettling 95,000 refugees in FY 2021. #Welcome95k **Thank you for your efforts!**