



August 29... Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

The Department of Justice (DOJ) bowed to public pressure and condemnation of inhumane abuses and will stop paying private prison corporations. We commend DOJ for this bold step forward, but we must remain vigilant. Did you know that immigrants are still trapped in for-profit prisons paid by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)? It's time for DHS to do the right thing and follow DOJ's lead. DHS must stop using our tax dollars to pay private corporations that lock up immigrants. This abusive industry continues to make profits by locking up asylum seekers, unaccompanied children, mothers, and other immigrants. Private prisons are less safe, less secure, and less effective. However, DHS continues to incarcerate immigrants in these for-profit prisons, separating families and harming our Latino community. DHS needs to hear from you to put an end to this exploitation. We urge President Obama and DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson to reject inhumane private prisons. Immigrant incarcerations have skyrocketed under President Obama. And private prisons keep making massive profits by locking up immigrants in often unsanitary and unsafe conditions. Immigrants in private prisons commonly complain of abuse, violence, and even lack of proper medical care. Tell DHS and the administration to do the right thing and follow DOJ's leadership. The private prison industry is under attack as our country demands change, and we can't afford to lose momentum. Will you push President Obama to do more on behalf of the thousands of immigrants still locked up in for-profit dungeons? Sign petition here:

http://d.shpg.org/224985208t?referring_akid=1493.498104.n7Mnc5

(Adapted from Presente.org)

Action One: Prayer

We hear words of prejudice, fear, and anger in our communities. We see acts of discrimination and bloodshed in our streets. We cry out to you, O Lord, to deliver us from the evils of racism that cause great pain and anguish, dividing our nation. Deliver us from the outspoken language of hate, the visible acts of violence, the clear calls to divide and destroy. In your mercy, O Lord, deliver us from the evils of racism so that our communities can be renewed by the rejection of all prejudice, all violence, with a new awareness of those different from us and with deep respect for every human person, so the healing bonds of solidarity may grow and the common good may flourish in this land. Amen.

(Adapted from Deliver Us From Evil by Jane Deren, PhD; Source: Education for Justice)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Put an End to Abusive Private Prisons: https://action.aclu.org/secure/ICE-private-prisons?emsrc=Nat_Appeal_AutologinEnabled&emissue=massincarcereation_immigrantrights&emtype=petition&ms=eml_160822_massincarcereation_immigrantrights_ICEprisons&af=query_string_encrypted

Tell Pres. Obama & Sec. Kerry to Protect Syrian Civilians & Bring an End to This Crisis:

<https://secure2.oxfamamerica.org/page/speakout/withsyria?js=false>

Sign Petition Urging US to Ensure Adequate Funding for Refugee Assistance: http://cqcengage.com/jesuit/app/take-action?engagementId=238013&ep=AAAAC2Flc0NpcGhlcjAxACJzTsNu0wh5rrtgTyVvWfw7zQQhSFKljRPBtmGfOT7DQq2a1pZIMtCHv9PvsXdCwMZsuDH3q_jFa_p1Z48Pd-pHJjk3PRI-CgilQZ8Pj3E&lp=0

Tell DHS to Cut its Private Prison Contracts – Like the DOJ: <https://action.mijente.net/petitions/tell-the-dept-of-homeland-security-to-cut-its-private-prison-contracts-too>

Put an End to Abusive Private Prisons:

https://action.aclu.org/secure/stopCARprisons1?emsrc=Nat_Appeal_AutologinEnabled&emissue=massincarceration_immigrantright&emtype=petition&ms=eml_160817_massincarceration_immigrantrights_CARprisonskicker&af=query_string_encrypted

Tell the FCC: Families Shouldn't Have to Go into Debt to Communicate with their Incarcerated Loved

Ones: <http://act.demandprogress.org/sign/tell-fcc-reverse-call-rate-cap-hike-now/?source=demandprogress&t=1&akid=4388.2561280.HtximM>

Sign Post Card to Pres. Obama to Raise Your Voice for Refugees: <http://bit.ly/refugeepostcard>

Call ICE to Demand that Hilda & Her Son Stay: [210-283-4711](tel:210-283-4711)

Sample Script: "Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling to ask ICE to stop the deportation of Hilda Ramirez, A # 202072764 and her son Ivan, A# 202072765. Hilda is a Guatemalan woman and an asylum seeker who fled for her life and has lived in the U.S. for 2 years. She is currently in sanctuary at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, where she has many friends that support her and where her son, Ivan, is attending school. She is anxious to be able to live outside of the church without fear of being deported. She very much wants to provide a good home for her son in the U.S. Please allow Hilda and her son, Ivan, to stay."

Sign Petition – All Refugee Children Deserve an Education: https://act.one.org/sign/education_refugees_us

Call for Justice in Border Communities:

https://action.aclu.org/secure/hold_border_patrol_accountable?emsrc=Nat_Appeal_AutologinEnabled&emissue=immigration&emtype=petition&ms=eml_160728_immigration_borderpatrol&af=query_string_encrypted

Action Three: Education

Washington is Better Because of its Immigrants: <http://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/the-case-for-comprehensive-immigration-reform/>

The Olympic Refugee Team's Legacy is About More Than Athletes' Performance:

<https://www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2016/08/why-the-olympic-refugee-team-is-so-important.html>

Immigration Attorney Warns Employers Not to Discriminate against DACA Recipients:

<http://legalnewsline.com/stories/510990603-california-ruling-over-fake-social-security-number-prompts-immigration-attorney-to-warn-businesses>

Action Four: Events/Resources

Toolkit to Combat Prison Privatization: <http://www.acluohio.org/issue-information/prisons-for-profit-a-toolkit-for-film-screenings-and-discussion>

Diapers in Detention Toolkit to End Family Detention: <https://cliniclegal.org/DiapersInDetention>

See Where Your Senate Candidates Stand on Immigration: <https://networklobby.org/election2016/sidebysides>

RCUSA Local Congressional Visits Toolkit:

http://www.rcusa.org/uploads/images/RCUSA%20FY17%20Appropriations%20Toolkit_07.28.16.pdf

Action Five: Social Media

Sample Tweet: [@TheJusticeDept](https://twitter.com/TheJusticeDept) will stop using for-profit prisons! @DHSgov still gives \$\$ to lock up immigrants. @POTUS, do better http://d.shpg.org/224985208t?referring_akid=1493.498104.n7Mnc5

Thank you for your efforts!