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What's Happening

Fed'l judge pauses Biden admin pgm that aids undocumented spouses - NY Times

Biden admin may soon restart immigration pgm that was paused for possible fraud - NBC

TX stops busing migrants elsewhere as unauthorized border crossing drop - Border Report

Immigrant families in limbo after judge puts US pgm for spouses on hold - AP

Gov Landry targets 'noncitizens' in Louisiana, claiming immigrants pose voter fraud risk - Louisiana Illuminator

BP ordered to stop discarding migrants' belongings after scathing report - Tucson Sentinel

TX gov planning to add more border barrier buoys in Rio Grande - NewsNation

Proof of citizenship voting bill push could threaten govt shutdown - The Hill

TX judge rejects lawsuit to close Houston immigrant rights group - Texas Tribune

Mexico pauses relations with US embassy amid clash over judicial overhaul - NY Times

Latin American religious criticize region's governments for failing to help migrants - Catholic Review

Action One: Prayer

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds. Help us by your grace, to banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs; to give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one most Holy Trinity in whom we pray. Amen. (Author Unknown)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to invest in communities' capacity to welcome refugees.

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-action-tell-congress-to-invest-in-local-communities-capacity-to-welcome-refugees/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your representative in the US House to commit to protecting immigrant communities. <https://p2a.co/qd8tjmg>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to support HR 1325 - the Asylum Seekers Work Authorization Act. <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/actions/let-asylum-seekers-work/>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Urge Congress to demand a pathway to citizenship for immigrant youth. https://act.nilc.org/page/71325/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240815_EG_DACA12_NILC&ea.url.id=2773775&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL – Urge Congress to co-sponsor the asylum seeker work authorization act of 2023 - <https://www.aila.org/advocacy-tools/aila-s-advocacy-action-center>

NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell POTUS - restore access to asylum. https://act.nilc.org/page/68643/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240605_EG_BidenEO_NILC&ea.url.id=2600326&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to enact a permanent solution for Dreamers - <https://p2a.co/Emn3bWM>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to create a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients https://act.nilc.org/page/69018/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20240615_EG_DACA12_NILC&ea.url.id=2623645&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Biden to modernize DACA and expand protections. https://unitedwedream.org/actions/12-years-of-daca-demand-president-biden-strengthen-and-expand-protections/?source=email_06.05&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2344358&email_subject=wh-12-years-of-daca-around-the-corner-tell-biden-to-strengthen-and-expand-protections-

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to act. Send a message to your MOC. Demand a pathway

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC: Co-sponsor the End Solitary Confinement Act - <https://nr.cat.salsalabs.org/esca-cosponsorship/index.html>

NATIONAL LEVEL- Tell Biden and Congress to reject inhumane, unlawful asylum restrictions <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-president-biden-and-congress-to-reject-inhumane-unlawful-asylum-restrictions-stand-by-commitments-to-the-persecuted/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=b2feada5-0275-45c1-973a-a87242d0c234>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urges DHS to take immediate steps to keep families together and grant TPS to Ecuadorians. <https://action.momsrising.org/sign/tps-for-ecuador/>

Action Three: Education

Fed'l judge pauses Biden admin pgm that aids undocumented spouses - https://www.nytimes.com/2024/08/26/us/undocumented-spouses-biden-administration.html?unlocked_article_code=1.GE4.rzKj.k2sTZDe8AqWw&smid=url-share

Trump's asylum rhetoric is rooted in Mariel Boatlift - <https://time.com/7006684/trump-asylum-mariel-history/>

State Department announces intent to fund protection for Palestinians - <https://www.state.gov/notice-of-intent-to-publish-a-notice-of-funding-opportunity-announcement-for-ngo-programs-benefiting-palestinians-in-fy-2025/>

Catholic leaders favor rule helping undocumented spouses of US citizens; criticize judge's pause - <https://catholicreview.org/judge-halts-biden-rule-giving-u-s-citizens-spouses-children-path-to-legalize-their-status/>

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 715 am 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 anyone want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, they can contact Sr. JoAnn Persch at 773-597-5394 or jpmrsm2@gmail.com

ICDI Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings-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. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwjnisjJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) Everyone should have access to disaster relief, including housing. Make these resources more inclusive for all. **Thank you for your efforts!**