



December 8 - 14, 2025

What's Happening

Afghan vetting process under renewed scrutiny following Natl Guard shooting in DC - CNN

US reduces work permit validity period for refugees, asylees - NY Times

ICE uses tear gas in Elgin as hours long standoff ends in man's arrest - Chicago Sun Times

Supreme Court to decide if Trump can restrict birthright citizenship - Wash Post

Durbin reintroduces the 'Dream Act' in hopes of paving citizenship pathway for child immigrants - Chicago Sun Times

Detainees at 'Alligator Alcatraz' facing harrowing human rights violations, per new report - The Guardian

Anxiety grips Somali community in MN as ICE agents zero in on the Twin Cities - CNN

WI Supreme Ct to decide whether local jails can hold immigrants for ICE - AP

Dems seek limits on who can serve as immigration judges amid mass layoffs - NPR

Trump admin threatens to withhold SNAP from blue states over immigration data-NBC

US halts all immigration cases, including citizenship ceremonies, for 19 countries-CBS

More than 220 judges have ruled against Trump's mass detention policies - Politico

Action One: Prayer

MAY GOD BLESS YOU with discomfort, at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with tears, to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what other claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen (Franciscan blessing)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop collective punishment of refugees and asylum seekers after tragic shooting - <https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-stop-collective-punishment-of-refugees-and-asylum-seekers-after-tragic-shooting/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Investigate and shut down violent ICE detention centers -
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/shut-down-alligator-alcatraz-and-every-ice-black-site-detention-camp-in-america/?source=group-demand-progress-3&referrer=group-demand-progress-3&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fend_abusive_ice_prisons

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your MOC to condemn the Trump admin's anti-immigration policies -
<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-your-members-of-congress-to-condemn-extreme-anti-immigration-proposals>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress extend the enhanced ACA tax credits before Dec 31.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/demand-congress-extend-the-enhanced-aca-premium-tax-credits-before-december-31st/?link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-action-needed-the-senate-will-vote-next-week-on-extending-health-insurance-tax-credits&email_referrer=email_3007559&email_subject=action-needed-the-senate-will-vote-%20next-week-on-extending-health-insurance-tax-credits&&

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand your Senators co-sponsor the Dream Act -

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/send-a-letter-demand-your-senators-co-sponsor-the-dream-act/?source=email_12.04&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_3007587&email_subject=send-a-letter-demand-your-senators-support-permanent-protections-for-immigrants&

NATIONAL LEVEL - Block Trump's crusade against free speech and nonprofits -

https://act.demandprogress.org/sign/block_crusade_against_nonprofits/?t=5&akid=34395%2E8294413%2EStN2I5

NATIONAL LEVEL - Shut down Alligator Alcatraz and every ICE black site detention camp

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/shut-down-alligator-alcatraz-and-every-ice-black-site-detention-camp-in-america/?source=group-united-for-democracy&referrer=group-united-for-democracy&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sh-ufd-alligator-alcatraz&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2995739&&&email_subject=shut-down-alligator-alcatraz&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_2995739

NATIONAL LEVEL - Call on Congress: No more deaths in ICE custody -

https://act.nilc.org/page/90920/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20251119_EG_DetaineeETT_NILC&ea.url.id=4222679&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand with stranded refugees as Trump plans low refugee admissions -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-advocate-for-a-refugee-admissions-goal-that-reflects-humanitarian-values-and-responds-to-global-need/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Investigate ICE prisons and end Trump's violent ICE raids -

https://act.demandprogress.org/sign/investigate_and_end_violent_ice_invasions/?t=5&akid=34349%2E8294413%2EvtkmWL

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge lawmakers to prevent ground war with Venezuela -

https://act.demandprogress.org/sign/back_bipartisan_war_powers_resolution/?t=5&akid=34321%2E8294413%2EvzDeC0

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to extend Affordable Care Act tax credits.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/extend-aca-tax-credits-cr?clear_id=true&source=direct_link

Action Three: Education

Gutting of key watchdog office could pave way to grave immigration abuses, experts warn -

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/nov/30/us-watchdog-human-rights-department-homeland-security>

Employment verification: The next front for US immigration enforcement?

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/everify-employment-verification?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ea78a381-58b9-459b-978b-7f0fba1168ec>

As immigration agents swooped into Chicago this fall, communities stepped up to get kids to school safely -

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/education/2025/12/02/as-immigration-agents-swept-chicago-this-fall-communities-stepped-in-to-get-kids-to-school-safel>

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer conducted every Friday for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families, is continuing at 7:15am via Zoom. Sister Rita Specht will be leading the rosary. Feel free to connect beginning at 7AM. Whenever possible, the online community will be connected and pray together with the group at Broadview. BY VIDEO: Click [link](#) to join via Zoom video.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83127670921?pwd=aHBRVStiUWxPUWxadjRgQkRXK3A4UT09> **BY PHONE (no changes):** Please Dial 1-312-626-6799 to join the Rosary only by phone. The Mtg ID is 831 2767 0921 and Mtg Password is 321321321

ICDI Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT.

Meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving pgm updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97m09XQRns5Bwjnisjl>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep)) Protect birthright citizenship & the 14th Amendment.

Congress must REFUSE to help Trump shred our Constitution. **Thank you for your efforts!**