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What's Happening

DHS pauses immigration applications for an additional 20 countries - NPR

Noem: Venezuelans under TPS can apply for refugee status - The Hill

Hundreds of judges reject Trump's mandatory detention policy, with no end in sight - Politico

Cost of operation Midway Blitz: \$59 million and counting - Chicago Trib

New Trump ordered immigration restrictions go into effect Jan 1 - ABC News

Broadview detainees during Operation Midway Blitz were self-deporting at an alarming rate, analysis finds - Chicago Sun Times

Trump says he's dropping push for Natl Guard in Chicago, LA and Portland, OR for now - Chicago Sun Times

Trump admin raises self-deportation bonus for migrants to \$3,000 - Bloomberg News

WI judge Dugan found guilty of obstruction for helping immigrant evade fed'l agents - AP

Trump admin reportedly aiming to strip more foreign-born Americans of citizenship - NY Times

Broadview to consider zoning requirements for detention facilities - Chicago Trib

Trump expands travel ban list to 39 countries - CNN

Trump keeping 300 IL National Guard troops federalized until April despite no missions - Chicago Trib

Action One: Prayer

God of all, we struggle to welcome those we don't know to join our communities. Please guide our actions so we may be a reflection of your love. We struggle to find common ground with those who are from different places and have different customs. Please guide our words so we speak with charity and hospitality. We struggle to remember our own times of transition and uncertainty. Please send your Holy Spirit to challenge our assumptions. May we continue to seek new ways to find you in our lives. We ask all this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (from Bread for the World)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL- Demand Congress investigate, expose and hold ICE accountable now.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/investigate-ice-and-expose-illegal-arrests/?link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-ices-illegal-arrests-are-documented-congress-must-act-now&email_referrer=email_3038133&email_subject=ices-illegal-arrests-are-documented-congress-must-act-now&clear_id=true&source=direct_link

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

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 - Stop collective punishment of refugees and asylum seekers after tragic shooting -
<https://cwsglobal.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 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/>

Action Three: Education

US Federal agencies are mimicking Trump's social media -
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/15/trump-agencies-style-social-media>

How the Trump admin pushed to reopen immigration cases, putting thousands at risk of deportation -
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/immigration-courts-recalendared-cases-trump-deportations-rcna248182>

Broadview detainees during Operation Midway Blitz were self-deporting at an alarming rate, analysis finds -
https://chicago.suntimes.com/immigration/2025/12/28/broadview-detainees-operation-midway-blitz-self-deporting-high-rates-analysis-finds?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=12292025%20Morning%20Edition&utm_content=12292025%20Morning%20Edition+CID_c65752d40279c2ad6fb5d01c4d9a00ea&utm_source=cst_campaign_monitor&utm_term=READ%20MORE&tpcc=cst_cm

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=aHBRVStiUWxPUWxadiRqQkRXK3A4UT09> **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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97m09XQRns5BwjnisjI>

Action Five: Social Media: ([@Sen/Rep](#)) The US is the melting pot of the world. It's who we are. We all come from somewhere else. #istandwithimmigrants **Thank you for your efforts!**