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What's Happening

Chicago scrambles to house migrants as winter approaches - NBC News

More Chinese are risking danger in southern border crossings to US- NY Times

Judge will not stop US from cutting Texas border fencing - Reuters

States thought work permits would solve their problems. It hasn't - Politico

Congress unlikely to include a pathway to citizenship in its border deal - NBC News

17 churches to become migrant shelters as city hurries to provide housing for winter - Block Club Chicago

Democratic cities brace for a nightmare winter housing migrants - Politico

Senators' top target in border talks: Tighter asylum rules for migrants - WSJ

US closes border crossing to vehicles and limits traffic at another in response to illegal entries - AP

Anti-immigration resolution fails in St. Louis area - St. Louis Public Radio

Action One: Prayer

Good Lord and Heavenly Father, You love each of your children regardless of the lands they come from. We thank you for helping us to recognize each other as members of the same human family and as your beloved people. We thank you because you enlighten us, encourage us, and feed us with your Word. We pray for those who suffer due to hunger, injustice, climate change and poverty - so that together we may find solutions to change their lives. We pray for our countries so that we may find viable paths for international collaboration and authentic human development. We pray for our Church, so that we may all be brothers and sisters. Thus, we ask for a humble heart that is willing to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate those who knock at our doors. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is present in our brothers and sisters, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress that immigrants need lasting protection and pathway to citizenship. <https://act.sojo.net/page/60182/petition/1?ea.url.id=2159777>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support the Afghan Adjustment Act. <https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/49442/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition telling Biden to reunite immigrant families now. <https://www.change.org/p/president-biden-please-reunite-families-now>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to fund refugee and newcomer inclusion -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-fund-refugee-newcomer-inclusion-and-restore-needed-services-for-ukrainian-and-afghan-neighbors/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=bf6255be-6ec9-4356-a9bd-241dfc6f3993>

NATIONAL LEVEL – Tell Congress to pass permanent protections for immigrant youth:

<https://act.nilc.org/page/46080/action/1?ea.tracking.id=web>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask Biden/DHS Mayorkas to designate/ re-designate TPS for Ethiopia, Syria, Pakistan and Democratic Rep of the Congo.

<https://act.nilc.org/page/57272/petition/1?supporter.appealCode=20230925 EG Migration NILC&ea.url.id=2009673&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Biden admin and legislators to formally end family detention.

<https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/46496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS Mayorkas to fast track work permits for noncitizens.

<https://secure.everyaction.com/iAPXBA-j kGpcM1 fKLWZw2?emci=dc9b1342-ad51-ee11-9937-00224832e811&emdi=11684080-4052-ee11-9937-00224832e811&ceid=10679>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter. Demand Congress deliver a pathway to citizenship

<https://unitedwedream.org/actions/send-a-letter-demand-congress-deliver-a-pathway-to-citizenship/?source=partner&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f5aa4e6e-925e-4b84-b00a-e17dd1ffd05f>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to support asylum seeker work authorization act -

https://act.hias.org/page/54296/action/1?en_txn6=MR-EM-FY23-07-asylum_ban_2023-advo-full_file-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EngagingNetworks&utm_campaign=230707_Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization_Action_Remainder&utm_content=230707+Asylum-Seeker-Work-Authorization+Action+Remainder&ea.url.id=1865401&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to protect abused, abandoned immigrant children.

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-protect-abused-abandoned-and-neglected-immigrant-children/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act to protect Afghans

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-pass-the-afghan-adjustment-act-to-protect-afghans-at-risk/>

Action Three: Education

ICE detention facilities at highest levels since 2020, report finds -

<https://www.borderreport.com/immigration/migrant-centers/ice-detention-facilities-at-highest-levels-since-2020-report-finds/>

Senators' top target in border talks: Tighter asylum rules for migrants -

https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/senators-top-target-in-border-talks-tighter-asylum-rules-for-migrants-57a35a98?reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink

Undocumented: Living, working under Florida's strict immigration law -

<https://www.wlrn.org/immigration/2023-11-23/undocumented-immigration-florida-palm-beach-sb1718-ice-desantis>

Congress unlikely to include a pathway to citizenship in its border deal -

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/congress-unlikely-include-pathway-citizenship-border-deal-rcna126928>

Action Four: Action

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: (@Potus) Open enrollment is almost halfway over, and DACA recipients are still waiting on the Biden admin to expand health care coverage to them. We urge POTUS to finalize this policy. Help them out. **Thank you for your efforts!**