



January 29 – February 4, 2024

What's Happening

Supreme Court let Border Patrol cut razor wire TX installed to stop migrants – WSJ

Republicans push Gov. Abbott to go all out in border war with Biden – New Republic

Biden and senators on verge of striking immigration deal aimed at clamping down on illegal border crossings – CBS News

City Council mbrs urge mayor to stop eviction of migrants - Chicago Sun Times

TX border standoff with patrol continues, despite Supreme Court order - Texas Tribune

More migrants receive permits to legally work in Chicago - Axios

For people fleeing the war, US immigration fight as real-life consequences - NY Times

Mexico, US pitch measures to ease pressure on border, plan Guatemala talks - Reuters

TX Gov. transforms immigration from border issue to backyard one - USA Today

Biden admin has admitted more than 1 million under parole policy - CBS News

US-Mexico cooperation said to produce immigration results - Reuters

Action One: Prayer

Creator God, open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters, eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows, eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines, eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us. Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us, open our ears to hear the cries of your children, children being separated from their parents, rounded up in raids, led to detention centers, silently giving up dreams. God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries, give us courage to resist, to say NO to unfair labor practices, to unjust laws. Give us the strength to stand with and for your inclusive love, faith to believe, another world is necessary and possible. Let it begin with us. (United Church of Christ)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL- Urge Congress to reject harmful changes to immigration law as a condition for supplemental funding -

<https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/109841/Respond?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=3236728f-d3f2-4d66-ab0b-d788497f78ec>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress invest in humane policies at the border -

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-to-reject-cruel-inhumane-immigration-legislation/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-take-action-demand-congress-invest-in-humane-policies-at-the-border&email_referrer=email_2181602&email_subject=take-action-demand-congress-invest-in-humane-policies-at-the-bord

NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose dangerous changes to US asylum law - <https://www.jesuits.org/our-work/justice-and-ecology/take-action-2/asylum/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to defend asylum - <https://www.maryknollogc.org/action/tell-senate-defend-asylum>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition - seeking asylum is a human right.

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right?source=2024Asylum_DK&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdckl12024%3Frefcode%3D20240116SWAsylum&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2173391&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-seeking-asylum-is-a-human-right-that-must-be-protected&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_2173391

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://cwsqglobal.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 - Urge Biden and Congress to reject anti-asylum provisions in ongoing funding negotiations. <https://cwsqglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-the-biden-administration-and-congress-to-reject-extreme-anti-asylum-provisions-amid-ongoing-negotiations/>

NATIONAL LEVEL -Email your legislators urging them to protect family immigration.

<https://advancingjustice-ajjc.quorum.us/campaign/43496/>

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Reject billions to ICE and CBP and safeguard asylum.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/government-shutdown-averted>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Asylum protecting people seeking safety, we must save it.

<https://networklobby.org/advocacy-action/?vvsrvc=%2fCampaigns%2f110129%2fRespond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell MOC there are meaningful alternatives to look at for changes to immigration policy.

https://immigrationjustice.quorum.us/campaign/54917/?utm_campaign=everyaction&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ta-240111&emci=085d4ff5-d9af-ee11-bea1-0022482237da&emdi=3b84bc02-9db0-ee11-bea1-0022482237da&ceid=9493976

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop border militarization - <https://afsc.org/action/take-action-stop-border-militarization>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to reject any deal that links asylum to foreign aid -

https://act.nilc.org/page/61129/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20231215_EG_AsylumNO_NILC&ea.url.id=2200493&forwarded=true

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

<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

Action Three: Education

Unpacking the debate over migrant work permits - <https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/2024/0119/Unpacking-the-debate-over-migrant-work-permits>

Chicago migrants, lacking work permits, find work for cash so their families can get by -

https://chicago.suntimes.com/2024/1/20/24043024/chicago-migrants-work-permits-jobs?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=012324%20Morning%20Edition&utm_content=012324%20Morning%20Edition+CID_cfdb6680aa44e1f52aebcd022e787242&utm_source=cst_campaign_monitor&utm_term=READ%20MORE&tpcc=012324%20Morning%20Edition

TX Gov. transforms immigration from border issue to backyard one -

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2024/01/21/texas-governor-reshapes-border-immigration/72166240007/>

In Haiti, migration can mean heartbreak for families - <https://globalpressjournal.com/americas/haiti/haiti-migration-can-mean-heartbreak-families/>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5Bwjnisj>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) Congress: Immigrant communities are NOT bargaining chips. Do your job and protect asylum seekers. Thank you for your efforts!