



February 17 - 23, 2025

What's Happening

Top ICE officials reassigned amid strain to meet deportation goals - Wash Post

Trump admin sues NY for access to DMV license info for undocumented migrants - USA Today

Trump admin considering to use defense funding to ramp up deportations - NBC News

US deporting African and Asian migrants to Panama in diplomatic breakthrough - CBS News

Trump officials tell GOP lawmakers they need \$175B to secure borders - The Hill

Houston Catholic Charities lays off 120 staffers after refugee pgm suspended - Houston Public Media

Trump admin sued by aid groups over suspension of fed'l refugee pgm funding - AP

Trump admin sues NY over sanctuary policies for undocumented immigrants - Politico

27 religious group sue Trump admin to protect houses of worship from immigration arrests - Seattle Times

Trump admin is also going after legal immigrants. It has them terrified - LA Times

Deportation flights to Venezuela resume again from the US - NY Times

Groups sue over Trump's pause on refugee admissions - NY Times

IRS asked to aid in immigration enforcement - Wash Post

Action One: Prayer

Gracious God, in the spirit of hospitality, we pray that all refugees who are denied access to health care in this country experience your healing love and protection. Keep them safe as they journey to a new life, one free of persecution and harm. We pray, too, that the hearts and minds of those who oppress and marginalize others be healed and filled with your spirit of love and unity. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. (Catholic Health Assoc.)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to protect the persecuted.

<https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/Campaigns/121779/Respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect the US Refugee Resettlement Program - <https://worldrelief.org/christianstatement/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose deportation policies that separate families -

<https://worldrelief.org/advocate/keep-families-together/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Advocate for asylum seekers and families at the border -

<https://worldrelief.org/advocate/asylum-seekers>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Message to Congress - Stop Trump's racist mass deportations -

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/stop-trumps-racist-mass-deportations?source=group-takeitbackorg&referrer=group-takeitbackorg&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/tib-trumps-deportations&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_2611968&email_subject=urgent-congress-must-stop-trumps-attacks-on-immigrants&refcode>EmailReferrer=email_2611968

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to oppose mass raids -

<https://act.nilc.org/page/79035/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20250210 EG MassRaids NILC&ea.url.id=3312189&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress that the Admin should resume foreign assistance pgms while under review -

<https://support.crs.org/act/foreign-aid-operations?eType=EmailBlastContent&eid=290d792d-08e1-479c-915d-f62b53f3e215>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Representative to support the bipartisan effort to build a coalition to work toward fixing our border and immigration system -

<https://p2a.co/ETLAZAU>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress and the White House that you oppose Trump's indefinite refugee ban and executive actions targeting newcomers -

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-tell-congress-the-white-house-that-you-oppose-trumps-indefinite-refugee-ban-and-executive-actions-targeting-newcomers/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eid=18473f5e-58b7-402f-8214-d323def432bf>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass the No Ban Act

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/take-action-tell-congress-to-pass-the-no-ban-act>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to vote NO on the NO Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act -

<https://act.nilc.org/page/79052/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20250206 EG NoBailout NILC&ea.url.id=3304632&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress, don't give Trump billions to fund his mass deportation plan.

<https://act.demandprogress.org/sign/stop-trump-deportation-funding-update/?t=16&akid=33116%2E8294413%2EYJEtED>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop deportations now.

<https://afsc.org/action/stop-deportations-now?ms=EMA25AA0120JM&=&emci=2c329a07-76d3-ef11-88d0-0022482a9d92&emdi=5709d7ed-09d8-ef11-88d0-0022482a9d92&ceid=712858>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your Senators to reject SB 4136 (Non-Profit Killer bill)

<https://act.nilc.org/page/77456/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20241220 EG HR9495 NILC&ea.url.id=3169066&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to reject HR 9495 -

<https://act.moveon.org/call/reject-HR-9495>

Action Three: Education

27 religious group sue Trump admin to protect houses of worship from immigration arrests -

https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/nation/27-religious-groups-sue-trump-administration-to-protect-houses-of-worship-from-immigration-arrests/?utm_source=marketingcloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Morning+Brief+2-11-25_2_11_2025&utm_term=Active%20subscriber

Court temporarily restores some legal services to immigrants fighting deportation -

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/feb/09/immigrants-legal-services-restored-asylum-seekers>

Pope decries 'major crisis' of Trump's mass deportation plans, rejects Vance's theology -

<https://www.ncronline.org/vatican/vatican-news/pope-decries-major-crisis-trumps-mass-deportation-plans-rejects-vances>

Some friends, relatives are also preying on migrant women, boys -

<https://www.borderreport.com/immigration/gangs-not-only-ones-preying-on-migrant-women-boys/>

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/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97m09XQRns5BwjnisjI>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen/Rep) We've said it before, and we'll say it again: ICE has NO place in schools, hospitals, or places of worship. Those are protected.

Thank you for your efforts!