



## January 23 – 29...Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

The Inauguration took place last Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Donald Trump is the 45<sup>th</sup> President. He is now getting his cabinet members approved. The first 100 Days will be very important. Today, Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, President Donald Trump moved to pull the United States out of the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade. Now we will need to see the next days, what he signs.

Here is a video about the first 100 days <http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/22/politics/trump-first-100-days-plan/index.html> These first actions will be ones that President Trump can do alone without the Congress' approval. We will need to keep alert and let Congress know what we want for our immigrants and immigrant families: continue DACA and work on immigration policies that are positive and not negative. We need to keep positive and speak respectfully.

### **Action One: Prayer**

God of wisdom and mercy, grant us patience to listen; compassion to be open to other views and opinions; generosity to forgive and grace to change. As you taught us to love our neighbor, compel us to be healing instruments of unity and reconciliation. We pray that you give us strength as we encourage our nation to move forward in unity. Amen. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

#### **ACTIONS on BRIDGE for DACA**

Bipartisan legislation [was introduced today](#) in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate called The *Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy (BRIDGE) Act*, was introduced by Sen. Durbin (D) and Sen. Graham (R). This would provide work authorization and relief from deportation for three years to individuals who are eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative created in 2012 by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The BRIDGE Act was introduced on the House floor by Representatives Jeff Denham (R-CA), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Carlos L. Curbelo (R-FL), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and Judy Chu (D-CA) and Luis Guterrez (D-IL). Some house members still have yet to co-sponsor this bill. **The BRIDGE ACT** allows over 30,000 individuals to work legally in Illinois only. All of these individuals have already passed a background check and paid authorization fees to be able to rightly contribute to the great state of Illinois through the DACA Program.

There are 5 congressional offices in Illinois to call. Please call the numbers below and ask to speak to the district director and leave a message if you can't get through. Also call your own congress person and ask them to co-sponsor or thank them for doing so. If you are in another state, call your representative:

- Rodney Davis (R-13)
  - Helen Albert (District Director) [217-791-6224](tel:217-791-6224)
- Randy Hultgren (R-14)
  - David Carlin (District Director) [630-584-2734](tel:630-584-2734)
- John Shimkus (R-15)
  - Debra Detmers (District Director) [618-288-7190](tel:618-288-7190)
- Darin LaHood (R-18)
  - Bradley Stotler (District Director) [309-671-7027](tel:309-671-7027)
- Peter Roskam (R-6)
  - Neftali Campuzano (District Director) [630-232-0006](tel:630-232-0006)

*My name is X, a member of the Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants. I am (if you are a constituent, mention that specifically) calling to ask Congressman <Last Name> to support the bipartisan BRIDGE Act, which was introduced in the House by Congressmembers Denham, Roybal-Allart, Crubelo, Logren, Ros-lehtinen and Chu and Guterrez, to provide temporary relief from deportation and work authorization to young undocumented youth who have or are eligible for the DACA program. These young people are important members of our community and we need to keep them here! Thank you. (If you know your member has co-sponsored the BRIDGE Act, thank them.*

Find out more about the BRIDGE Act here <<http://www.durbin.senate.gov/download/bridge-act-summary>>.

**Action for DACA: Urge Your Senators to Cosponsor the BRIDGE Act!** <http://p2a.co/gWEh2F2>

**Send an Electronic Postcard in Support of Refugees:**

[http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=\[capwiz:queue\\_id\]](http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id])

### **Action Three: Education**

**More Republicans And Democrats Sign On To Bill To Protect Dreamers From Trump:**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/daca-bridge-act-us-5877f4dfe4b0b3c7a7b067ce?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=b8954bfcc9-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_1-17-17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-b8954bfcc9-279173657](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/daca-bridge-act-us-5877f4dfe4b0b3c7a7b067ce?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b8954bfcc9-CLINIC_Daily_1-17-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b8954bfcc9-279173657)

**Faithful Discernment: Is Your Congregation Called to Offer Sanctuary?**

**Monday, January 30, 7:00-9:00 pm (ET)**

Register here: <https://uusc.zoom.us/webinar/register/fb4f4080f785bcffc5b9141539e44ee6>

**The Path Toward Sanctuary: A Practical Guide**

**Monday, February 27 7:00-9:00 pm (ET)**

Register here: <https://uusc.zoom.us/webinar/register/0fc7045d80e5cfcf7c24e00bf0acd2b8>

**Refugee Council USA 2017 Post-Election Toolkit - Visits with Local, State, and National Leaders to**

**Welcome Refugees** <http://www.rcusa.org/blog/2017-post-election-rcusa-toolkit-visits-with-local-state-and-national-leaders-to-welcome-refugees>

### **Action Four: Social Media**

Send Tweets to @SenatorDurbin and to @RepGutierrez: @SenatorDurbin @RepGutierrez: Thanks for your support and leadership re-introducing the #BridgeAct today in Congress! #withDACA #SaveDACA

**Thank you for your efforts!**