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What's Happening?

Lawyers have found parents of 105 separated children in past month - NBC News

US moves to speed up releases of unaccompanied migrant children - Reuters

ICE investigators tapped private utility database to pursue migrant violations - Wash Post

Maryland grants stimulus aid to undocumented immigrants, other noncitizens - Wash Post

DOJ appeals ruling limiting immigrant detention without a court hearing - Documentedny.com

Biden lifts Trump era ban blocking most legal immigration to the US - NY Times

Texas border city to issue asylum seekers temporary photo IDs for air travel - Border Report

Sanctuary city ordinance signed into law, better protecting Chicago's immigrants from ICE - Block Club

US to reopen Texas surge facility to hold immigrant teenagers - AP

Citizenship test reverts back to 2008 version - American Independent

Fed'l judge indefinitely bans enforcement of Biden's 100-day deportation pause - AP

US Supreme Court to review 'public charge' rule - Reuters

Fed'l judge extends visas for diversity lottery winners - Law360.com

Action One: Prayer

God, in this season of Lent, we ask you to accept our repentance for our complicity in allowing neglect of civil and human rights. We pray that the minds and hearts of our elected leaders may turn from hostility toward immigrants, refugees, and Muslims, and toward compassion and justice. May we resist messages of fear and proclaim the reign of love. May our Lenten fasting and prayer strengthen our resolve to continue to work for justice and human rights despite the obstacles we encounter. AMEN. (Devotion by Sister Marie Lucey, Franciscan Action Network)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to Congress to save the USPS and provide services to all. Pass the Postal Banking Act. https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-congress-save-the-usps-and-provide-services-to-all-pass-the-postal-banking-act-2?source=direct_link&referrer=group-consumers-united-for-fairness&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=4c77a072-a74e-4607-b63f-ada87ea0ad68

NATIONAL LEVEL - Send a letter to Biden and DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to commit to close the first ten immigrant detention centers as a first step to abolish immigrant detention. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/biden-commit-to-close-the-firstten-immigrant-detention-centers-biden-comprometase-a-cerrar-los-firstten-centros-de-detencion-de-inmigrantes/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Establish a White House task force on black immigrants. Urge Biden to create a task force on black immigrants to address the unique impact that systemic racism has on Black Immigrants. <https://p2a.co/K7K44Jr>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand DHS halt all deportations and return iAero Airway Flight 3562 passengers back to US. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-dhs-halt-all-deportations-and-return-iaero-airways-flight-3562-back-to-the-us-2?source=direct_link&referrer=group-supporters-2

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition. Tell the Biden administration that we can welcome people seeking asylum. <https://www.refugeesinternational.org/we-can-welcome/#petition>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass Covid19 relief that prioritizes poor, vulnerable and protects life. <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/81441/respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop deportations of immigrant families. Urge Biden to halt deportations immediately, and take steps to ensure families remain together and free in the United States. <https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/75349/action/1?locale=en-US>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send the petition: Demand the Senate pass HR 1, For the People Act, and rebuild our democracy. https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=2021HR1_AFT&referrer=group-americans-for-tax-fairness&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passhr1&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1053455&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1053455&email_subject=sign-now-tell-congress-to-empower-working-people-to-access-our-democracy

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass the American Rescue Plan. https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/americanrescueplan&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1050028&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4cd3e28&email_referrer=email_1050028&email_subject=tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan

NATIONAL LEVEL - Restore our asylum system - halt expulsions of people fleeing violence. <https://lawg.salsalabs.org/stopexpulsions/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f672b306-5059-42c4-81af-e12ca3a1af48&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=617e3018-9941-458b-b32a-de065604e721>

Action Three: Education

Biden's immigration reform proposal explained - <https://www.voanews.com/usa/us-politics/bidens-immigration-reform-proposal-explained>

Non-English speaking struggle to access Covid19 vaccine - <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/02/22/covid-19-vaccine-registration-non-english-speakers-left-behind/4503655001/>

As Biden policies take effect, south Florida expecting 'large number of migrants and refugees' <https://www.wlrn.org/news/2021-02-22/as-biden-policies-take-effect-south-florida-expecting-large-number-of-migrants-and-refugees>

US unwinds Trump 'Remain in Mexico' program mulls fight for asylum seekers - https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-asylum-idUSKBN2AJ118?utm_source=Center+for+Migration+Studies+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=60eb287720-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_12_03_05_58_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_74e5cba118-60eb287720-111981633

Texas border city to issue temporary photo IDs so asylum seekers for air travel - <https://www.borderreport.com/hot-topics/immigration/texas-border-city-to-issue-asylum-seekers-temporary-photo-ids-for-air-travel/>

The words that are in and out with the Biden Administration - <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/24/us/politics/language-government-biden-trump.html>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request

Action Five: Social Media: (@Rep/Sen) The Muslim ban was cruel and unjustified. Biden knows that, which is why he ended it on Day 1. But a future president might try to reinstate it. So please vote for the No Ban Act to prohibit any future bans without an actual justification.

Thank you for your efforts!