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What's Happening?

Fed'l judge restores DACA, orders DHS to accept first-time applications from immigrants - Wash Post

SCourt casts doubt on Trump's bid to exclude from census immigrants in US illegally - LA Times

Lawyers say Trump admin has handed over new data that will help reunite separated migrant families - NBC News

ACLU sues DHS for records on purchased cell phone data to track immigrants - The Hill

Census delay could scuttle Trump's plans to exclude immigrants - Politico

Report criticizes solitary confinement practices at Tacoma detention center - Seattle Times

Fed'l appeals court rules death threats are valid reason for asylum - NPR

Judge rules newly held immigrants must see judge within 10 days - AP

Justice Dept places new pressure on immigrants facing deportation - CNN

US agents apprehend 1,000 migrant children in 6 days as crossing along Mexican border rise - CBS News

Action One: Prayer

Lord God, help us to remember those who tonight will go to sleep unfed and unwelcome, strangers in foreign lands, people who have fled for their lives and are far from their homes. We lift up to you those who are escaping persecution and conflict, having fled death, torture or ruthless exploitation. So many carry wounds, mental and physical. So many have suffered greatly. Lord Jesus, give us more of your compassion for their plight, soften our hearts to their situation, and help us follow your lead in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf. We pray for an end to the wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees in the first place. We give thanks for people working in troubled countries and ask for more of your blessing so we can bring life, dignity and hope to those that remain. We thank you that you are Lord of all the earth and all its people are loved by you. We pray these things in the name of your Son who was himself born into the troubled life of a refugee.

- Author Unknown

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the Petition: Congress must cut funding for ICE and CBP!

<https://defundhatenow.org/2020/11/30/petition/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell ICE to stop deportation of children and their families -

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/59764/action/1>

NATIONAL LEVEL - It is vital that Congress support and pass robust funding for refugees, asylees, and other displaced populations to help with Covid19. Send an email to your 2 Senators and House Representative showing your support for refugees. <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-take-action-urge-congress-to-support-robust-funding-for-refugees-in-fy-2021/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=51a55392-9dd3-49c4-8682-8a5f5eeb82d6>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell PA Gov Wolf, deliver the gift of freedom and life for families in the Berks County Detention Center by issuing an Emergency Removal Order immediately. Send him a postcard. https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/berks_postcard_final1220.pdf

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this online postcard to go to ICE Director Simona Flores to #savethe28 Take 30 seconds to sign right now!
<https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=1316&fbclid=IwAR3XpYCAhtWkwJe2pmKbUXi4ue223cf1ajupbQGdQgNlBx4aF7ixBy0idDw>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand the Senate pass comprehensive Covid relief. We are facing a natl emergency and public health crisis that demands immediate attention.
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-senate-we-are-facing-a-national-emergency-and-public-health-crisis/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/senatecovidletters&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1003719&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1003719&email_subject=add-your-name-demand-the-senate-address-the-nations-public-health-crisis

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect families from Covid19 and family separation, shut down the Berks County Detention Center - https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protect-families-from-covid19-shut-down-the-berks-county-detention-center?utm_source=Shut+Down+Berks+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=2541a75446

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop the deportation of survivors and witnesses of ICE abuse -
<https://action.mijente.net/petitions/protect-survivors-of-medical-abuse-in-ice-custody>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS to restore the right to asylum.
<https://jesuitmigrantsolidarity.org/restore-right-to-asylum/>

Action Three: Education

As border wall goes up, southern Arizona sees spike in human smuggling -
<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/border-issues/2020/11/30/border-wall-goes-up-southern-arizona-sees-spike-human-smuggling/3772462001/>

Mexican immigrants in the US - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/mexican-immigrants-united-states-2019>

The 'Trump effect' on legal immigration levels: more perception than reality? -
<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/trump-effect-immigration-reality>

Reduced prison sentences lead to deportations for hundreds <https://www.legalexaminer.com/legal/reduced-prison-sentences-lead-to-deportation-for-hundreds/>

Census delay could scuttle Trump's plans to exclude immigrants -
<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/12/02/census-delay-trump-exclude-immigrants-442493?nname=playbook&nid=0000014f-1646-d88f-a1cf-5f46b7bd0000&nrid=0000015d-5842-d075-a77f-fb722f460000&nlid=630318>

Why an immigrant's mindset is such a valuable asset during the pandemic -
<https://fortune.com/2020/12/02/covid-hiring-immigrants-mindset-uncertainty-job-hunting/>

A Trump immigration policy is leaving families hungry - <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/04/us/politics/trump-immigration-hunger.html?searchResultPosition=2>

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: (@Sen/Rep) Essential workers are more than just THERE for us. Essential workers are all of us. When one person isn't paid, honored, & protected, none of us are. It's beyond time to raise the bar. Protect the immigrants. **Thank you for your efforts!**