



March 13 – March 19, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Now, Trump has issued a replacement executive order, one that his lawyers evidently felt would be easier to defend. The original order barred all immigration for ninety days from seven predominantly Muslim countries, the new one bars immigration from six of the original seven. Iraq was removed from the list, apparently after substantial behind-the-scenes pressure from government officials who were worried that we had jeopardized our relationship with Iraq, an important US ally. The new order does not bar lawful permanent residents and others from those six countries who have already been granted visas. It applies only to those seeking new visas. And where the initial order suspended refugee admissions from Syria indefinitely, and from all other countries for one hundred twenty days, the new order subjects Syrian refugees to the same suspension as everyone else.

Some of the commentary about the new order has suggested that these marginal changes have made it less vulnerable to legal challenge. It will certainly be less disruptive; because the order exempts current visa-holders and does not go into effect until March 16, it shouldn't cause the same chaos we saw at airports the weekend that the first order was signed. The decision to exempt current visa-holders also means that the order does not strip individuals in the US of rights previously granted to them, as the first order did. From: beltran@riseup.net

Action One: Prayer

O God, Creator of the heavens and of earth, helps us to see one another through eyes enlightened by understanding and compassion.

Help us to listen to the voices of all of our sisters through the world with respect and attention.

Open our ears to the cries of women who have been denied their rights and their dignity.

Empower us to the instruments of justice for all, for in the wholeness of Christ, all mothers are our own mothers, and we are one. Amen. From Interfaith Worker Justice – Women's Month

Action Two: Calls/Letters

CALL-IN Day for March 17th regarding the Bridge Act and others to Senators. If you are represented by Senators Graham, Durbin, Murkowski, Feinstein, Flake, Schumer, Harris, Nelson, or Heller – please thank them.

Call this toll-free number 1-844-489-4698 and follow the recorded instructions.

Leave the following message with the person answering the phone:

“I am Senator name's constituent, and I am calling to:

- Urge the Senator to publicly support and consider co-sponsoring S.415 which would repeal President Trump's executive order on interior immigration enforcement.
- I also call on the Senator to oppose President Trump's executive orders on border security and refugees, and I ask (him/her) to work towards passing a bill to nullify these two orders.

- Finally, I urge (him/her) to also support or thank for the support of S. 128, the “BRIDGE Act” a bipartisan effort to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) youth.”

If you have time use the list of judiciary committee that was given for March 1st and continue.

Action for DACA: Urge Your Senators to Cosponsor the BRIDGE Act! <http://p2a.co/gWEh2F2> Find out more about the BRIDGE Act here<<http://www.durbin.senate.gov/download/bridge-act-summary>>.

Please encourage Sen. Tammy Duckworth to cosponsor – Sen. Durbin has and see if your senator cosponsored from other states <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/128/cosponsors>

Call into Texas regarding SB 4 <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/texassb4/>

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

"Protect Your Community with Immi" on Thursday, March 30th at 11 am Pacific / Noon Mountain / 1 pm Central / 2 pm Eastern. Immi (www.immi.org)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6385526309550389506>

A tool kit that can help you plan out events to invite them to while they are in your state is here: <http://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org/>.

Action Four: Actions/Events

MARCH 15: ICIRR LOBBY DAY IN SPRINGFIELD: email bmagee@icirr.org

Our Asks: Maintain the immigrant Service Line Item; Fully fund adult education through Illinois Community College Board; Support the Illinois TRUST Act; Pass the immigrant Safe Zones Act (HB 526); Pass the Student Access Bill (HB 2394); Support automatic voter registration.

March 16 – Airport please help us get the word out urging folks to demonstrate opposition to the rewritten refugee and Muslim ban by showing up to **airports** this Thursday, March 16th. See this [March 16th Toolkit](#) for resources and information. https://docs.google.com/document/d/19_z1k-kzw1ZhrITUkY1JdvOliShv5iLM16-ubg6V4Dc/edit

Action Five: Social Media

Tweet and post the attached Migration Monday memes (English and Spanish language versions) for this week. Also, kindly share the “Faces of Migration” story at this link <http://bit.ly/2kG21RI> with your networks.



Thank you for your efforts!