



## July 17 - 24, 2017 Alert on Immigration

### **What's Happening?**

U.S. surpasses Trump administration's cap on refugee admissions - by Abigail Hauslohner/Washington Post

Trump intervenes to grant reject Afghan girls entry to US for robotics contest – by Nahal Toosi/Politico

Grandparents, other relatives except from Trump travel ban, federal judge rules – by Matt Zapowsky/Washington Post

Federal government no longer allowed to hold immigrant children in detention without their day in court - by Anita Chabria/Sacramento Bee

Kate's law passed the House and now in the Senate – Catholic News Agency

Pentagon considers canceling program that recruits immigrant soldiers - by Richard Gonzales/Tom Bowman/NPR

Canada - US Refugee Agreement To Be Challenged in Court - by Lynn DesJardins/Radio Canada International

ICE Officers Told To Take Action Against All Undocumented Immigrants Encountered While on Duty - by Marcelo Rochabrun, *ProPublica*

### **Action One: Prayer**

We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship. We pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here. We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched by your blind compassion. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (The Archdiocese of Chicago)

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

**HR 2581: NATIONAL LEVEL** - Call your member of Congress at [1-866-877-3303](tel:1-866-877-3303) and demand that they oppose the American Health Care Act and the Better Care Reconciliation Act. Creates roadblocks to prevent many citizens and immigrants from getting affordable, quality health insurance.

**NATIONAL LEVEL** - Members of Congress will be home in August and not just for vacation. They will likely host town halls and listening sessions in order to hear from their constituents. Here are some things you can do: Coordinate an in-district drop-off of your [Offering of Letters](#). Call the office ahead of time and let them know you are coming. • Attend a town hall or other public event and [ask your member to oppose budget cuts that would increase hunger and poverty](#). Call your members in-district office to find out what events your member has scheduled in August. • Write a letter to the editor or op-ed to your local newspaper encouraging your member of Congress to pass a fiscal year 2018 budget that sets us on track to end hunger. •

**NATIONAL LEVEL** - Tell Congress to stand in support of refugees and immigrants - Call your Senators and Representative and tell them that you support compassionate policies that welcome immigrants and refugees – and urge them to let Speaker Ryan and Majority Leader McConnell know that they do too. You can easily contact your members of Congress by calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at [202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121). A switchboard operator will connect you directly with the Senate or House office you request.

**NATIONAL LEVEL** - Join us to say NO to racist law in Texas and to stand up against anti-immigrant scapegoating anywhere in the country. Sign this petition. <http://a.cpdaction.org/page/s/sb4ishate>

**NATIONAL LEVEL** - Say NO to Deportation of Sponsors of Unaccompanied Minors -

[https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app367b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1085&NONCE\\_TOKEN=D83841F6542FE6CF3D8E47BF37D359BC](https://secure3.convio.net/sojo/site/Advocacy;jsessionid=00000000.app367b?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1085&NONCE_TOKEN=D83841F6542FE6CF3D8E47BF37D359BC)

**NATIONAL LEVEL** - The U.S. Pentagon promised to grant expedited citizenship to 1,000 foreign-born recruits who would provide urgently-needed medical and language services to the U.S. military. [Now, the Pentagon is considering a plan to cancel these contracts — putting these individuals at risk of deportation. Take action to protect enlisted immigrants.](#)

**STATE LEVEL** - Call Gov. Rauner at **312-814-2121** and demand that he publicly oppose both health bills, which will cost Illinois billions of dollars in Medicaid funding and thousands of jobs.

**STATE LEVEL** - [Will you sign this petition to urge Governor Bruce Rauner to stand with immigrant youth who are protected by DACA?](#)

**STATE LEVEL - ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS: PRIORITY ACTION! TRUST ACT NEEDS GOV. RAUNER SIGNATURE.** Please contact Gov. Rauner, [217-782-0244](tel:217-782-0244) and urge him to sign HB31, **the TRUST ACT**, which *will take responsibility for immigration enforcement out of the hands of local police* thereby promoting the public trust that is essential for effective community law enforcement.

**HB 2394: STATE LEVEL ----HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID CALL TO HAVE THE STUDENTS TO HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL:** Please help push the **STUDENT ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL** to a vote by calling your Rep and those below. HB2394 would give public universities the power to grant economic aid to students regardless of their immigration status. Please provide 4-year public universities with the legal authority to provide financial aid to undocumented students who qualify for in-state tuition. Please call these representatives below; Dan Brady - 217/782-1118; Norine Hammond 217/782-0416; Christine Winger 217/782- 4014; Sara Jimenez; 217 782 0040; Natalie Manning 217 782 2316; Dave Severin 217 781 1051; Rita Mayfield ; 217 558 1012; David Olsen 217 558 6587; Jim Durkin 217 558 0494

### **Action Three: Education**

Top Immigration related cases you should know: <https://sojo.net/articles/8-immigration-cases-you-should-know-about>

Justice Dept Questions Cities' Immigration Info Sharing - <https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2017-07-07/dps-director-steve-mccraw-issues-immigration-marching-orders/>

Migration and Refugee Services FAQ on how this impacts refugee resettlement in the United States. <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/2b08262d-2a2c-44d8-b0bf-cd2478465169>

A Judge Said These Kids Get a Green Card. ICE Says They Get Deported - <https://www.revealnews.org/article/a-judge-said-these-kids-get-a-green-card-ice-says-they-get-deported/>

What the Texas bishops want you to know about SB4, the 'sanctuary cities' law - by Juan Guajardo/North Texas Catholic [https://www.northtexascatholic.org/local-news-article?r=KFOIPIUT51&send\\_to=%2Flocal-news](https://www.northtexascatholic.org/local-news-article?r=KFOIPIUT51&send_to=%2Flocal-news)

Laws are Meant To Protect Human Beings, Not Break Them - editorial by Archbishop John C. Wester, Archdiocese of Santa Fe <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/cbbdc9ff-5a73-407b-9cd9-24c54120c0aa>

Let's Put 'America First' by Averting a Central American Migrant Crisis - <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/making-sense/column-lets-put-america-first-averting-central-american-migrant-crisis/>

Practice Advisory: Working with Child Clients and Their Family Members in Light of Administration's Focus on "Smugglers" <https://cliniclegal.org/sites/default/files/resources/defending-vulnerable-populations/Working-with-Child-Clients-and-Their-Family-Members-in-Light-of-the-Trump-Administrations-Focus-on-Smugglers.pdf>

60 days of deportation and detention under Trump - <http://portside.org/2017-07-10/60-days-deportations-and-detainments-under-trump>

### **Action Four: Action**

Wednesday, JULY 19 - Chicago: Gubernatorial Health Care/ Immigration Candidates Forum - Chris Kennedy, J.B. Pritzker, and IL State Senator Daniel Bliss. 7PM at Arturo Velasquez West Side Technical Institute, 2800 S. Western Ave, Chicago 60608

"Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties" Through 11/19: Alphawood Gallery, 2401 N. Halsted St. Chicago, 773-687-7676 [alphawoodgallery.org](http://alphawoodgallery.org)

**Action Five: Social Media** -- [@WhiteHouse](#) #Refugees We stand for a country of immigrants and **Thank you for your efforts!**