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What's Happening?

Older people will soon receive healthcare coverage in IL regardless of immigration status - Chgo Tribune

ICE plastered graphic billboards about immigration on Pennsylvania highways - BuzzFeed

Appeals court upholds ban on holding migrant children in hotels - AP

Immigrant sponsors will have to provide credit scores under new DHS rule- Wash Times

ICE preparing targeted arrests in sanctuary cities, amplifying Trump campaign theme - Wash Post

Trump cuts refugee cap to lowest level ever, depicts them as a threat and burden - Wash Post

Census Bureau says count will continue through end of October - Politico

ICE reverses Covid19 measure, and will resume arresting non-criminal migrants - Miami Herald

Cuban asylum seeker separated from wife and newborn - AZ Daily Star

California law allows detainees to sue for-profit ICE centers - LA TImes

Action One: Prayer

O God of all nations and peoples: We live in a nation of immigrants, and one in which the diverse gifts of many peoples have contributed to our energy and strength. Yet it is one in which some immigrants are discriminated against because of the color of their skin, their language, or the country of their origin. Help us, by your grace, to offer hospitality to all strangers, as our Father Abraham did in the desert. Grant us the wisdom and skill to enact just and merciful immigration reforms so that the hospitality and access to this great land may be offered equally to people of all colors and races and nations. (Episcopal Diocese of West VA)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

*NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to welcome more refugees in FY2021.
https://www.votervoice.net/LIRS/campaigns/77559/respond?mc_cid=afc10a1589&mc_eid=00799a9069

*NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Senate to pass a meaningful Covid19 relief package.
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-senate-pass-a-meaningful-covid-19-relief-package/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-add-your-name-the-senate-must-pass-covid-19-relief-2&email_referrer=email_945401___cohort_6325&email_subject=re-add-your-name-the-senate-must-pass-covid-19-relief

*NATIONAL LEVEL -The Trump admin must stop hiding election security info from Congress.
https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-the-trump-administration-must-stop-hiding-election-security-information-from-congress?source=2020DNIElectionSecurity_DK&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fgotv2020%3Frefcode%3D20200909SWDNIElectionTransparency&link_id=2&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_935914&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_935914&email_subject=sign-the-petition-the-trump-administration-must-stop-hiding-election-security-information-from-congress

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

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action now: Urge Congress to hold the admin accountable to resettling refugees - https://greateras1.org/take-action-now-urge-congress-to-hold-the-administration-accountable-to-resettling-refugees/

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congressional Republicans to push for refugee resettlement increases. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/add-your-name-urge-congressional-republicans-to-push-for-refugee-resettlement-increases?source=20200921_Refugees_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D20200921DKLLSWRefugees&link_id=4&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_933157&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_933157&email_subject=re-trumps-refugee-ban

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to protect migrants and refugees in a Covid19 relief pkg. https://sistersagainsttrafficking.salsalabs.org/WorldRefugeeDay2020/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=24106526-ce35-4684-8bd3-fe2784bfbb82

NATIONAL LEVEL - Reach out to the Senate: Those who want to vote by mail must be able to. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-those-who-want-to-vote-by-mail-must-be-able-to?source=09092020swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=c2f710a9-7f1c-4ff9-8832-40b7ede7aa0c

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect refugees and build back the US resettlement program - https://www.votervoice.net/JFI/campaigns/76982/respond

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: tell the Trump admin to welcome asylum seekers. https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-hias-petition-to-call-on-the-trump-administration-to-welcome-asylum-seekers?detail=emailaction&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-trump-administration-threatening-the-universal-right-to-asylum&email_referrer=email_908382&email_subject=sign-now-demand-the-trump-administration-welcome-asylum-seekers

Action Three: Education
In the 2020 presidential election, immigration is about two Americas
https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2020/09/in-the-2020-presidential-election-immigration-is-about-two-americas

Refugees gain citizenship, ready to vote - https://apnews.com/article/virus-outbreak-election-2020-eritrea-phoenix-iraq-c46107414829a43057f674f2d0996c70

Unraveling of Trump policies a distant hope for separated immigrant families - https://graphics.reuters.com/USA-TRUMP/IMMIGRATION-PROFILES/gjnvwjbldpw/index.html

(Pew Research study) - How Hispanics see themselves varies by number of generations in the US https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/09/24/the-ways-hispanics-describe-their-identity-vary-across-immigrant-generations/

Future of immigration at stake in 2020 presidential election - https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-biden-2020-immigration-policies/

Judge rules against Trump's H-1B visa ban: President is not a monarch
https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/10/02/judge-rules-against-trumps-h-1b-visa-ban-president-is-not-a-monarch/#37c88fec51cc

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)** **In the midst of the worst refugee crisis in history, the Trump Admin sets the lowest refugee admissions numbers in history. This also creates highly restrictive categories for which refugees can access the program. Congress needs to step in and remove these hurdles.   Thank you for your efforts**