



August 31 – September 6, 2020

What's Happening?

Immigrants in Trump led ceremony didn't know they would appear at RNC - WSJ

DACA recipients challenge latest Trump admin attempt to gut program - CNN

Stop detaining minors in hotels, says court appointed monitor - Law360

Top ICE lawyer to lead immigration agency - CNN

Religious leaders ask Trump, Republicans to change immigration policies - RNS.com

In Mexico, UN refugee agency alleviates crisis created by Trump admin - PassBlue

US restricts work permits for asylum seekers, raising fears of homelessness, hunger - CBS

Immigration officials prefer keeping families together in detention - Law360

Longer wait times expected at US border under new Covid19 protocols - ABC News

Immigration agency cancels furlough of more than 13,000 employees - CNN

Fed'l judge rules DOD's policy unlawfully slows immigrant troops' path to citizenship - Military times. com

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 origin. Help us, by your grace, to offer hospitality to all strangers, as our Father Abraham did in the desert. Grant us 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 Virginia)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020. Sign the petition and demand the Senate approve the John Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/pass-the-john-lewis-voting-rights-act-of-2020?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-we-can-honor-john-lewis-by-protecting-voting-rights-2&email_referrer=email_902604&email_subject=add-your-name-restore-the-voting-rights-act

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to extend the Census deadline.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-now-urge-the-senate-to-extend-the-census-deadline?detail=emailaction&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-now-every-person-has-to-be-counted-2&email_referrer=email_901329&email_subject=add-your-name-put-pressure-on-the-senate-to-protect-the-census

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to pass the Dream and Promise Act (HR 6) and reduce funding for ICE and CBP. http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/DACA-SCOTUS-response/?t=8&referring_akid=2223.48167.GScxWI

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send a petition to your US Senators: demand a vote on the emergency postal service funding bill. https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/letters/sign-and-send-a-petition-to-your-us-senators-demand-a-vote-on-emergency-postal-service-funding-bill?detail=emailaction&link_id=3&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-call-action-urge-your-us-senators-to-speak-out-publicly-about-the-need-to-save-the-postal-service&email_referrer=email_902573&email_subject=call-action-urge-your-us-senators-to-speak-out-publicly-about-the-need-to-save-the-postal-service

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to pass bipartisan legislation that will fund the USPS and protect our democracy. https://actionnetwork.org/letters/add-your-name-tell-the-senate-to-pass-bipartisan-legislation-that-will-fund-the-usps-and-protect-our-democracy/?link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-26-house-republicans-joined-democrats-in-passing-critical-postal-service-funding-its-time-for-the-senate-to-act-2&email_referrer=email_902696_cohort_4375&email_subject=tell-the-senate-pass-this-bi-partisan-bill-to-save-the-us-postal-service-and-safeguard-our-election

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Trump admin fully restore the DACA program. DACA is critical. https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/daca-is-critical-program-for-families-we-need-to-defend-it?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-on-protect-daca-2&email_referrer=email_888931&email_subject=add-your-name-make-daca-work

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this petition to Congress to stop funding ICE detention centers now! https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-congress-stop-funding-ice-detention-centers-immediately?source=2020DefundICE&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_876510&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_876510&email_subject=signatures-needed-no-more-taxpayer-dollars-to-detention-centers

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand that Congress and the next President enact a plan to combat Covid19 and prevent future pandemics. [https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-enact-a-plan-to-combat-covid-19-and-prevent-future-pandemics?source=2020PandemicPrevention_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D2020SWPandemicPrevention&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_889076&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_889076&email_subject=re-pandemic-plan-in-statefull-default-your-state](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-enact-a-plan-to-combat-covid-19-and-prevent-future-pandemics?source=2020PandemicPrevention_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D2020DefundICE&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_889076&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_889076&email_subject=re-pandemic-plan-in-statefull-default-your-state)

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to include Puerto Rico in the next stimulus package. We need to support Puerto Rico's demands for a just recovery and economic stimulus - https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-include-puerto-rico-in-the-next-covid-19-stimulus-package?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package-2&email_referrer=email_881833&email_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package

Action Three: Education

Nonprofit aims to help immigrant parents navigate US school system for kids - <https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/education/nonprofit-aims-to-help-immigrant-parents-navigate-us-school-system-for-kids>

'The Melting Pot' is an outdated image of America. We need a new metaphor to define the nation. <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/08/21/melting-pot-outdated-image-america-we-need-new-metaphor-define-nation>

Rebuilding the US Refugee Resettlement Program (Center for Migration Studies) - <https://cmsny.org/publications/rebuilding-the-us-refugee-resettlement-program>

A review of Trump's immigration policy - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/08/26/fact-check-and-review-of-trump-immigration-policy/#3ef7d48b56c0>

How one of Mexico's largest migrant camps, Matamoros, has avoided Covid19 outbreak- <https://slate.com/technology/2020/08/matamoros-avoided-covid-outbreak-migrants-mexico.html>

Replica of Vatican migrant statue makes a fitting first stop in LA - <https://angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/replica-of-vatican-migrant-statue-makes-a-fitting-first-stop-in-la/>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. 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) Offering safe refuge is not a partisan issue. We need to help build a future for refugees. I urge you to hold the Trump administration accountable to resettling 95,000 refugees in FY 2021. **Thank you for all your efforts!**