



**July 6 - 12, 2020**

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

**Supreme Court declines to hear bid by Iraqis to avoid deportation - Reuters**

**New Trump immigration policy would disqualify asylum for people from countries with spreading disease - Wash Post**

**US gov't signals it will resist freeing detained immigrant families - AP**

**Supreme Court rules that states can punish electoral college voters - CNN**

**Judge rules stimulus check lawsuit against Trump admin can proceed - Univision**

**Immigrant who sought sanctuary in New Orleans church wins right to stay in US - NOLA.com**

**Trump accelerates border wall construction ahead of election, despite pandemic - LA Times**

**Drive up US citizenship eases backlog, but new threat looms - AP**

**New Trump immigration policy would disqualify asylum for people coming from countries with spreading disease - Wash Post**

**Immigration judges' union sues to block DOJ speech restrictions - Reuters**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**God our refuge, you share the journey with migrants and refugees, lightening their footsteps with hope. For you, Lord, are close to the broken-hearted. Pour out your Spirit upon world leaders. May they see the tragedies of our human family, and be moved to respond with wisdom, compassion and courage. Open our eyes and hearts to the God-given dignity of all your people. Move us to welcome our neighbors, and so bear witness to your love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen. (Rachel McCarthy/CAFOD)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Your Members of Congress Pass H.R. 51 and Support D.C. Statehood. [https://indivisible.org/demand-your-senators-cosponsor-dc-statehood-bill?akid=62093.367900.i4nN6-&rd=1&t=7&utm\\_medium=link2\\_20200629&utm\\_source=email](https://indivisible.org/demand-your-senators-cosponsor-dc-statehood-bill?akid=62093.367900.i4nN6-&rd=1&t=7&utm_medium=link2_20200629&utm_source=email)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand election assistance funding needed by states to protect and expand voting opportunities. [https://www.standupamerica.com/demand-election-funding/?akid=969.790316.UVnDfV&rd=1&t=6&utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=actionkit](https://www.standupamerica.com/demand-election-funding/?akid=969.790316.UVnDfV&rd=1&t=6&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=actionkit)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign petition to USCIS: DACA is here to stay. Allow eligible youth to apply.**

**[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=6&can\\_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-uscis-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth&email\\_referrer=email\\_842360&email\\_subject=outrage-highest-court-in-the-land-protects-migrant-youth-trump-administration-defies-court](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth?detail=emailaction&link_id=6&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-uscis-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth&email_referrer=email_842360&email_subject=outrage-highest-court-in-the-land-protects-migrant-youth-trump-administration-defies-court)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Calling interfaith voices to take action against the immigration ban. Tell the president you stand with immigrants. <https://p2a.co/WEt1Y7m>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Let America Vote! Help to pass a universal vote-by-mail option and ensure that voting is safe, sanitary and secure. [https://sign.actiontaker.org/page/s/LAV-JA-Vote-by-Mail-q22020?source=NDRC-PAC&redirect\\_url=https://sign.actiontaker.org/VBM-Option-NDRC-PAC-AB](https://sign.actiontaker.org/page/s/LAV-JA-Vote-by-Mail-q22020?source=NDRC-PAC&redirect_url=https://sign.actiontaker.org/VBM-Option-NDRC-PAC-AB)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send the petition to the US Senate: We must have funding for Vote by Mail.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-to-the-us-senate-we-must-have-funding-for-vote-by-mail?source=2020SenateFundVBMc3s\\_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/senatemustactvotebymail&link\\_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_835249&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_835249&email\\_subject=re-add-your-name-demand-the-senate-fund-voting-by-mail](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-to-the-us-senate-we-must-have-funding-for-vote-by-mail?source=2020SenateFundVBMc3s_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/senatemustactvotebymail&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_835249&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_835249&email_subject=re-add-your-name-demand-the-senate-fund-voting-by-mail)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to stop Trump's new immigration and family ban. <https://greateras1.org/take-action-urge-congress-to-stop-trumps-new-immigration-family-ban/>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your Senators requesting that they support the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2019 and encourage the Senate to introduce a companion bill to H.R.6, the American Dream and Promise Act.**

<https://franciscanactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/ProtectDreamers/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=27779837-39dc-41cb-b745-e96b9c9a96fb>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Franciscans call for "Civilian-izing" American police forces. Urge your MOC to work to return police depts to civilian modes.**

<https://franciscanactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/Demilitarizethepolice/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5161274e-4b22-4133-bbbc-83e559e45c67>

### **Action Three: Education**

**Money restored for Philly program that gives undocumented immigrants a fighting chance against deportation - <https://www.inquirer.com/news/paifup-philadelphia-deportation-vera-kenney-gym-fels-hias-juntos-20200630.html>**

**Afghan interpreter who saved US troops gets American citizenship -**

<https://www.npr.org/2020/06/29/884957240/afghan-interpreter-who-saved-u-s-troops-gets-american-citizenship>

**Americans want more, not less immigration, for the first time -**

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/313106/americans-not-less-immigration-first-time.aspx>

**Covid19 has come to our migrant camp in Mexico and makes ending MPP policy more urgent.**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/covid-19-has-come-to-our-migrant-camp-it-makes-ending-the-mpp-policy-even-more-urgent/2020/07/03/455cacf8-bd41-11ea-8cf5-9c1b8d7f84c6\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/covid-19-has-come-to-our-migrant-camp-it-makes-ending-the-mpp-policy-even-more-urgent/2020/07/03/455cacf8-bd41-11ea-8cf5-9c1b8d7f84c6_story.html)

**Houston medical staffing company brings in nurses to help in pandemic**

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/lifestyle/renew-houston/health/article/Houston-med-staffing-company-aids-in-global-15356956.php?cmpid=gsa-chron-result>

**America, you're making a big mistake on immigration. And Canada thanks you.**

<https://fortune.com/2020/06/29/h1b-visa-ban-immigration-trump-order-tech-workers-canada/>

**These DACA recipients hit a ceiling in the US so they left - <https://www.pri.org/stories/2020-06-30/these-daca-recipients-hit-ceiling-us-so-they-left>**

### **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](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request.

**Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep)** America is only America when you unite people not divide them. Help pass S.386 Fairness for High Skilled Immigrants Act for hardworking skilled immigrants and equalize the green card back log. **Thank you for all your efforts!**