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What's Happening?

Biden moves to end Trump era asylum agreements with Central Am. countries - NPR

DHS ends deal with Arizona restricting Biden on immigration - AP

US releasing hundreds of Central Am. families from increasingly busy custody - Reuters

Mexico has stopped accepting some Central Am. families expelled by US along the border - Wash Post

Biden admin to house migrant children at TX facility closed under Trump - USA Today

H1B lottery based visa selection to stay this year, wage based system delayed - East Bay Times

A pardon for 'Dreamers'? Some activists tout amnesty if Congress doesn't act - USA Today

New Texas coalition forms to push for congressional fix for Dreamers - Texas Tribune

Biden immigration orders include family unification task force - Politico

Biden signs three immigration executive orders - CNN

DHS pledges no immigration enforcement at vaccination sites - CNN

Action One: Prayer

Creator God, open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters, eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows, eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines, eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us. Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us, open our ears to hear the cries of your children, children being separated from their parents, rounded up in raids, led to detention centers, silently giving up dreams. God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries, give us courage to resist, to say NO to unfair labor practices, to unjust laws. Give us the strength to stand with and for your inclusive love, faith to believe, another world is necessary and possible. Let it begin with us. (United Church of Christ)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass the American Rescue Plan. The health of our nation is at stake. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs>

https://secure.actblue.com/donate/americanrescueplan&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1050028&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1050028&email_subject=tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Pres. Biden to address the root causes of migration from Central America - https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm_source=congregation&utm_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_28_04_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757

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NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress pass Anti-Racism in public health act and address racism in our health care systems - https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-pass-the-anti-racism-in-public-health-act-and-address-racism-in-our-health-care-systems?source=2021AntiRacismPublicHealth_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/antiracisminpublichealth&link_id=2&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1068235&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1068235&email_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-congress-pass-the-anti-racism-in-public-health-act

NATIONAL LEVEL - Restore our asylum system - halt expulsions of people fleeing violence.
<https://lawg.salsalabs.org/stopexpulsions/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f672b306-5059-42c4-81af-e12ca3a1af48&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=617e3018-9941-458b-b32a-de065604e721>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask your member of Congress to make HR1 a priority in Congress.
<https://publiccitizen.salsalabs.org/forthepeopleact1/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5b961975-c204-427a-8866-97e5d9fb9e54>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Citizenship now for 11 million immigrants.
<https://www.nilc.org/action/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send the petition: Demand the Senate pass HR 1, For the People Act, and rebuild our democracy.
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=2021HR1_AFT&referrer=group-americans-for-tax-fairness&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passhr1&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1053455&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1053455&email_subject=sign-now-tell-congress-to-empower-working-people-to-access-our-democracy

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NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to make family reunification a top priority until every single separated family is reunited. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-make-family-reunification-a-top-priority>

Action Three: Education

The race to dismantle Trump's immigration policies - <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/02/08/the-race-to-dismantle-trumps-immigration-policies>

Wisconsin immigrant workers benefit from Biden's immigration policies - <https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2021/01/29/wisconsins-immigrant-workers-benefit-from-bidens-immigration-policies/>

Refugee resettlement expected to rebound, but the pipeline is broken
<https://baptistnews.com/article/refugee-resettlement-expected-to-rebound-but-the-pipeline-is-broken/#.YBrlr-hKiUm>

'Catch and release' resumes in South Texas; Biden order reinstates policy - <https://www.borderreport.com/hot-topics/immigration/breaking-catch-and-release-resumes-in-south-texas-mayor-says-biden-order-reinstates-policy/>

A pardon for 'Dreamers'? Some activists tout amnesty for undocumented immigrants if Congress doesn't act. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2021/02/02/biden-immigration-package-some-push-pardons-if-congress-doesnt-act/4294393001/>

New DACA Senate initiative holds promise for Dreamers - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/andyjemotiuik/2021/02/05/new-daca-senate-initiative-holds-promise-for-dreamers/?sh=4bb6554976be>

EL Paso anticipates changes to immigration policy as pandemic threat poses new challenges
<https://kfoxtv.com/news/coronavirus/el-paso-anticipates-changes-to-immigration-policy-as-pandemic-threat-poses-new-challenges>

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: (@Rep/Sen) Limiting asylum & targeting immigrants simply for who they are is an ongoing nightmare. The Biden administration's executive orders on immigration are a positive step, but Congress needs step up and do its part to undo decades of anti-immigrant policies. **Thank you for your efforts!**