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What's Happening?

US will issue proposal to preserve program for 'Dreamer' immigrants: DHS - Reuters

Colorado first to offer public housing benefits to undocumented immigrants - Denver Post

14 GOP-led states file bid with SCOTUS to defend Trump era 'public rule' charge - CNN

The reason many Guatemalas are coming to the border? Profound hunger crisis - Wash Post

Hundreds of migrants set out from Honduras, dreaming of US - AP

Biden to let Trump's H-1B visa ban expire in win for tech - Bloomberg News

Fed'l workers asked to volunteer for 'urgent' border effort amid influx of children - CNN

Washington state legislature passes bill to close Northwest detention center in Tacoma - Seattle Times

Asian American groups request an end to deportations - NBC News

Haiti deportations rise as Biden admin deploys Trump era health order - The Guardian

Biden announces actions to address violence against Asian Americans - LA Times

Action One: Prayer

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen (Justice for Immigrants)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden to commit to close the first ten immigrant detention centers.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/biden-commit-to-close-the-firstten-immigrant-detention-centers-biden-comprometase-a-cerrar-los-firstrten-centros-de-detencion-de-inmigrantes/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Pass S.1 - For the People Act - to protect and expand voting rights for all.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-the-for-the-people-act-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=SenatePassS1_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passs1&link_id=1&refcode>EmailReferrer=email_1108366&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1108366&email_subject=the-voting-rights-of-black-and-brown-people-are-under-attack

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the Cuba Petition to President Biden to restore diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Cuba! <https://lawg.salsalabs.org/us-cuba-petition/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=702201e7-b257-44d0-bfb3-a42eaede9f28>

NATIONAL LEVEL - To Biden and DHS Mayorkas: Stop deportations now.
https://action.mijente.net/petitions/biden-mayorkas-stop-deportations-now?ms=20210315_email_petitionSA&emci=0bab20d3-3085-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=ad5ae7cb-8185-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=264787

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden to restore US refugee admissions.
https://act.rescue.org/fTRVyu5?ms=em_updt_qlbl_mar_m1_210324&utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MAR_2021_newsletter_qlbl_test_fy21&ms=em_updt_qlbl_test_marb_03EA_fy21_210324&initialms=em_updt_qlbl_test_marb_03EA_fy21_210324&utm_content=IRC%20Newsletter%20-%20March%202021%20-%20National%20-%20Test%20B&des=03EA&spMailingID=24679617&spUserID=NTM4NjQ2ODI0NjQwS0&spJobID=1941553306&spReportId=MTk0MTU1MzMwNqS2

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Senate must pass For the People Act, so that our voices are heard.
https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-the-for-the-people-act-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=direct_link&referrer=group-consumers-united-for-fairness&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5280c02f-46dd-4c38-b67d-ddafda261663

NATIONAL LEVEL - Immigrants are essential to pandemic recovery. Tell your Senator to support Dreamers, TPS holders and farmworkers. <https://p2a.co/j2etsOI>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Biden US migration policy should address root causes and uphold migrants' rights - https://www.afsc.org/action/tell-president-biden-us-migration-policy-should-address-root-causes-and-uphold-migrants?ms=ACQ21EMMO&utm_source=MoveOn&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Homestead

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Action Three: Education

America's Immigration Amnesia - <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/03/whats-really-happening-at-the-border/618442/>

What's behind the Hispanic vaccination gap - <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/03/29/us/hispanic-vaccine-gap.html?>

Haiti deportations soar as Biden admin deploys Trump era health order -
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/mar/25/haiti-deportations-soar-as-biden-administration-deploys-trump-era-health-order?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d52adbc7-dd0d-431f-be28-f24b60afa329>

The Invisible Wall - Title 42 and its impact on Haitian Migrants - <https://www.quixote.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/The-Invisible-Wall.pdf>

Hampered by the pandemic: unaccompanied child arrivals increase as early preparedness shortfalls limit the response - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/news/unaccompanied-child-arrivals-earlier-preparedness-shortfalls>

Young migrants stuck in federal custody at the border - https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-04-02/migrant-children-stuck-in-border-patrol-custody-backlog?utm_id=26669&sfmc_id=807784

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: (@Potus/@SecMayorkas) When refugees cannot enter the U.S. as a family under Title 42, some make the choice to send their children across the border alone. We cannot allow this policy to continue separating families. **Thank you for your efforts!**