



July 10 - 16, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Illinois passes a budget - Chicago Tribune

Ban on Immigration Detention Centers Sneaks Into California State Budget and Gets Approved (Jorge Rivas - Fusion)

Internal memo reveals ICE officers have free rein to detain any undocumented immigrant (Ester Yu Hsi Lee/Think Progress.org)

U.S. denies visas for Afghanistan's all-girl robotics team - (Amanda Erickson - Washington Post)

Hawaii files emergency motion to challenge implementation of Trump's travel ban (Daniel Chaitin - Washington Post)

World Population Day - July 11 - United Nations

Action One: Prayer

Dear Jesus, you are the refuge of people on the move. We ask you to grant immigrants, refugees, and other migrants peace, protection, and comfort. Help us to recognize that whenever we welcome the stranger in your name, we welcome you. Teach us to recognize your presence in every human being. Bring us together as one family, at the banquet table of your love, with you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Some members of Congress disparage refugees and advocate for massive cuts to programs that help them. Urge your members of Congress to protect the **U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program**. Contact the Capitol Switchboard **202-224-3121**, and talk to your senators and representative. When you connect with their office, you can use the script below: *"Hi, I'm a constituent, and I am calling to ask the member to oppose the racist Muslim ban and to support legislation that would overturn this executive order, protect and expand refugee resettlement, and bar discrimination based on national origin or religion in our immigration system. Racism and religious discrimination have no place in the America we aspire for. Every person's humanity and safety should be valued."*

HR 2581: NATIONAL LEVEL - Call your member of Congress at **1-866-877-3303** and demand that they oppose the American Health Care Act and the Better Care Reconciliation Act. Creates roadblocks to prevent immigrants from getting health insurance.

NATIONAL LEVEL - 10 states have threatened to file a lawsuit if the federal government does not immediately repeal the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). [Call your member of Congress now. Ask him or her to stand with Dreamers, and issue a public statement against the DACA repeal letter.](#)

NATIONAL LEVEL - Last month, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 4 (SB4) — the most anti-immigrant law in the country — into law, despite fierce opposition from across the state. Join the resistance against SB4 and other attacks against immigrants. Sign the petition at: <http://a.cpdaction.org/page/s/sb4ishate?refcode=link2>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Supreme Court ruled that it will hear arguments on Trump's discriminatory Muslim and refugee ban and allow part of the order to take effect in the meantime. This means that the Supreme Court has allowed President Trump to put parts of the Muslim and refugee ban back into practice until it decides on the ultimate fate of the executive order. [It's more important now than ever to get loud and stand against this discriminatory policy. Join Amnesty International to say #NoBanNoWall](#)

NATIONAL LEVEL - The U.S. Pentagon promised to grant expedited citizenship to 1,000 foreign-born recruits who would provide urgently needed medical and language services to the U.S. military. [Now, the Pentagon is considering a plan to cancel these contracts — putting these individuals at risk of deportation. Take action to protect enlisted immigrants.](#)

STATE LEVEL - Call Gov. Rauner at **312-814-2121** and demand that he publicly oppose both health bills, which will cost Illinois billions of dollars in Medicaid funding and thousands of jobs.

STATE LEVEL - The budget passed. Our priority has to be thanking the members who did the right thing, particularly the 15 Republican House members who voted both for the revenue bills. You can find out [how your Representative voted HERE](#). Then please call your Representative and Senator to thank them for their courage in saving our state. Our call-in number is: **(855) 334-6885** and you will be connected to the proper office by using your zip code.

STATE LEVEL - Chicago is seeking to strengthen the Welcoming Ordinance by removing four exceptions to the commitment not to collude with ICE. Please sign this petition from Mijente to ensure due process by avoiding criminalization and racial profiling. <http://action.mijente.net/petitions/chicago-should-protect-all-immigrants-from-deportation-amend-the-welcoming-city-ordinance>

STATE LEVEL - ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS: PRIORITY ACTION! TRUST ACT NEEDS GOV. RAUNER SIGNATURE. Please contact Gov. Rauner, [217-782-0244](tel:217-782-0244) and urge him to sign HB31, **the TRUST ACT**, which *will take responsibility for immigration enforcement out of the hands of local police* thereby promoting the public trust that is essential for effective community law enforcement. (Please report your call to <http://www.icirr.org/report> after completed.)

HB 2394: STATE LEVEL ----HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID CALL TO HAVE THE STUDENTS TO HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL: Please help push the **STUDENT ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL** to a vote by calling your Rep and those below. HB2394 would give public universities the power to grant economic aid to students regardless of their immigration status. Please provide 4 year public universities with the legal authority to provide financial aid to undocumented students who qualify for in-state tuition. Please call these representatives below; Dan Brady - 217 782 1118; Norine Hammond 217 782 0416; Christine Winger 217 782 4014; Sara Jimenez; 217 782 0040; Natalie Manning 217 782 2316; Dave Severin 217 781 1051; Rita Mayfield ; 217 558 1012; David Olsen 217 558 6587; Jim Durkin 217 558 0494

Action Three: Education

Deportees United in the Fight, a group that helps when deportees arrive back in Mexico - <http://www.latimes.com/world/mexico-americas/la-fg-mexico-deportees-20170703-story.html>

Where are U.S. bishops on immigration reform – <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/cardinal-blase-j.-cupich/-/article/2017/06/25/where-are-the-u-s-bishops-on-immigration-reform-#>

Intl Refugee Assistance Program - bullets from SCOTUS order on cert and stay requests
<https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/9658aee0-45dc-4705-87ab-7ca9a10c5f24>

Stopping Immigration Services Scams: A Tool for Advocates and Lawmakers - Download the report:
https://cliniclegal.org/resources/stopping-immigration-services-scams-tool-advocates-and-lawmakers?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=714d8471b2-press_release_7_7_2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-714d8471b2-279173657

Avoiding deportation: Shifting policies leave many on tenterhooks - https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2017/07/03/avoiding-deportation-shifting-policies-leave-many-tenterhooks/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a45ce5a8c4-CLINIC_Daily_7-4-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a45ce5a8c4-279173657

Auxiliary Bishop Peter Smith worked hard to become a US citizen - http://www.catholic sentinel.org/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=35&ArticleID=33746&utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=a45ce5a8c4-CLINIC_Daily_7-4-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-a45ce5a8c4-279173657

The Political Effects of Immigrant Naturalization - To read more, visit <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imre.12229/full>

Action Four: Action

THURSDAY, JULY 13 - Chicago: A letter signed by faith leaders will be delivered to Gov. Rauner at the Thompson Center. The letter calls him to sign the Illinois Trust Act, which passed both the IL house and senate. Press conference at 9:30 in front of the Thompson Center.

Wednesday, JULY 19 - Chicago: Gubernatorial Health Care/ Immigration Candidates Forum - Chris Kennedy, J.B. Pritzker, and IL State Senator Daniel Bliss. 7PM at Arturo Velasquez West Side Technical Institute, 2800 S. Western Ave, Chicago 60608

Action Five: Social Media -- [.@WhiteHouse](#) # Refugees We stand for a country of immigrants and refugees. **Thank you for your efforts!**