



March 20 – March 26, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

The main findings of this brief are as follows:

- Nationwide, about **16.7 million** people in the country have at least one unauthorized family member living with them in the same household.
- More than 8 million U.S. citizens, of which 1.2 million are naturalized citizens, have at least one unauthorized family member living with them.
- More than 5.9 million citizen children, U.S. born and naturalized, live with at least one family member who is unauthorized.
- California, Texas, and Nevada, are the top three states that will be most heavily affected by an anti-immigrant policy because they have the highest percent of U.S.-born population with at least one unauthorized family member living with them.
- But even states with smaller immigrant populations, such as Nebraska, Arkansas, and Kansas, will also be affected, because they have high percentages of naturalized citizens who have unauthorized family members living in the same household. From: Center for American Progress by Silva Mathema

Action One: Prayer

God of all nations: We are indeed a nation of nations. Help us to incorporate newcomers into the ever growing and diverse body we call the United States of America. You made us different yet all bearing your image. As we work to live in community with our brothers and sisters help us to discern that image in those around us.

God of all Cultures, Races and Languages: Give us the wisdom to find the way to proclaim a Comprehensive Immigration Reform to restore the dignity of millions of men and women who live in darkness and to reshape the image of the country that is proud to be the land of free and the house of braves. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen. By Rev. Jose Luis Casal

Action Two: Calls/Letters

CALL-IN Day for March 24th regarding the Bridge Act and others to Representatives: If your Representative has already supported the legislation protecting immigrants and refugees listed below, call in to thank them!

- (1) Call this toll-free number 1-855-589-5698,
- (2) Follow the recorded instructions to be connected to your Member's office, and
- (3) Leave the following message with the person answering the phone: "I am Representative [Member's name]'s constituent, and I am calling to:
 - Urge the [Congressman/Congresswoman] to publicly support and consider cosponsoring H.R. 920, the "Protecting Our Border Communities Act of 2017," and H.R. 921, the "Community Trust Act of 2017," which would repeal President Trump's executive orders on border security and interior immigration enforcement.
 - I similarly call on the [Congressman/Congresswoman] to oppose President Trump's executive order on refugees and work towards passing a bill to nullify the order.

- Finally, I urge [him/her] to also support H.R. 496, the “BRIDGE Act,” a bipartisan effort to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) youth .”

If you have time use the list of judiciary committee that was given for March 24th and continue.

Action for DACA: Urge Your Senators to Cosponsor the BRIDGE Act! <http://p2a.co/gWEh2F2> Find out more about the BRIDGE Act here<<http://www.durbin.senate.gov/download/bridge-act-summary>>.

Please encourage Sen. Tammy Duckworth to cosponsor – Sen. Durbin has and see if your senator cosponsored from other states <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/128/cosponsors>

Call into Texas regarding SB 4 <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/texassb4/>

Send an Electronic Postcard in Support of Refugees:

[http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=\[capwiz:queue_id\]](http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id])

Action Three: Education

Irish archbishop: St. Patrick was an 'undocumented migrant'

http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2017/irish-archbishop-st-patrick-was-an-undocumented-migrant.cfm?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=ec70620dbd-CLINIC_Daily_3-17-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-ec70620dbd-279173657

Trump’s Policies Are Keeping Hispanics Away from Church

http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2017/march/hispanic-church-attendance-decreasing-under-trump.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=ec70620dbd-CLINIC_Daily_3-17-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-ec70620dbd-279173657

Action Four: Actions/Events

El Puelbo Canta: Date/Fecha: April 1st 2017; Where/Donde: Wellington Ave. Church **Time/Hora:** 5:30p.m. doors open with Latin American Food for sale; 7-8:30 p.m.: Convent – Free parking and childcare with RSVP

Interfaith Lenten Series: Join every Wednesday March 1st – April 5th – 3/22; 3/29 and 4/5

6:30 -7:00 p.m. **Prayer and Faith Rooting** 7:00-8:00 p.m. **Skills-Building Workshops on Community**

Organizing All are welcome for one or both sessions at Berry United Methodist Church

Action Five: Social Media

- . @realDonaldTrump & @WhiteHouse Keep America welcoming. Refugee resettlement is a proud American legacy with bipartisan support #RefugeesWelcome #GreaterAs1
- . @realDonaldTrump & @WhiteHouse Don't stop welcoming refugees. Resettlement demonstrates the best of our values #RefugeesWelcome #GreaterAs1
- . @realDonaldTrump & @WhiteHouse Denying Muslim refugees safety is an affront to religious liberty #RefugeesWelcome [interfaithimmigration.org/ 5000religiousleaderletter/](http://interfaithimmigration.org/5000religiousleaderletter/)
- . @realDonaldTrump & @ WhiteHouse More than 5,000 faith leaders are opposed to any policy that would keep Muslim refugees from seeking safety: interfaithimmigration.org/5000religiousleaderletter/
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Thank you so much!