



April 10-16, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

The fight over funding over the mass detention - deportation machine is just getting started. Trump wants Congress to give him #3 billion more dollars, on top of the billions DHS has already received this year. This request for many ("appropriation") is just the beginning. This is his first attempt to acquire the money he needs for his anti-immigration and racist policies. Unless we stoop this now, it will be harder and harder to fight his demands for more money later in the year. (Detention Watch Network)

Associated Press, *The Washington Post*, April 8, 2017 "President Donald Trump intends to nominate Lee Francis Cissna to head the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services."

Action One: Prayer

Dear Jesus, Our journey through life is long and hard. We cannot make this trip alone; we must walk together on the journey. You promised to send us a helper, your Spirit. Help us to see your Spirit in those you send to journey with us. In the refugee family, seeking safety from violence, Let us see your Spirit. In the migrant worker, bringing food to our tables, Let us see your Spirit. In the asylum---seeker, seeking justice for himself and his family, Let us see your Spirit. In the unaccompanied child, traveling in a dangerous world, Let us see your Spirit. Teach us to recognize that as we walk with each other, You are present. Teach us to welcome not only the strangers in our midst but the gifts they bring as well: the invitation to conversion, communion, an solidarity. This is the help you have sent: we are not alone. We are together on the journey, and for this we give you thanks. Amen.

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Tell Congress: Reject Trump's dangerous budget proposal <http://action.nilc.org/page/s/tell-congress-reject-trump-s-dangerous-budget-proposal?source=em170411-nationalbudget>

Sign the Petition: We Need a People's Budget: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/we-need-a-peoples-budget-npp>

Say No to Funding Trump's Wall, Deportation Force and Detention Camps:

<https://americasvoice.org/action/tell-congress-defund-trumps-deportation-force/>

Sign on: Multi-Faith

Leaders to Big Poultry:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScj0vi0gb_qVLv5A2X8JskK8FGqLNER6pExAbcnGGTudvsTfg/viewform

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>

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/congress-reject-trumps-billion-dollar-budget-to-terrorize-immigrants/?source=Emaidaniel&link_id=1&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&email_referrer=breaking-daniel-is-free-heretostay&email_subject=breaking-daniel-is-free-heretostay

Illinois Immigration Bills: Maintain the immigrant Service Line Item; Fully fund adult education through Illinois Community College Board; Support the Illinois TRUST Act; Pass the immigrant Safe Zones Act (HB 526); Pass the Student Access Bill (HB 2394); Support automatic voter registration. ---- **TRUST Act passed..... so keep your actions up.**

Action Three: Education

Invitation to a symposium on Immigration in the First 100 Days, we are co-hosting on Friday April 21st (8:30am – 11:30am) at Northwestern Law at Aspen Hall (Rubloff 150) 375 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. Everyone who is interested is welcome: RSVP by April 19th <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/93GNHLY>

During border visit, Sessions outlines immigration plan

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/sessions-to-tour-arizona-mexico-border-tuesday/2017/04/11/2e74f21e-1e86-11e7-bb59-a74ccaf1d02f_story.html?utm_term=.028938062e3e

A new free social justice resource webpage: <http://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/>

Messaging Tools and Tips: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bx15Pl8sjhO1d21tWTdSc3BSeTg/view>

Action Four: Actions/Events

Easter Recess In-District Meetings: JFI Asks <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/category/action-alerts/>

Congress Recess Visits: Organize and meet with your Members of Congress during their Easter break, April 8-23, 2017, and voice your support for our immigrant and refugee brothers and sisters and their children.

Resources: <http://bit.ly/2kpxF5u>

MAY 6: SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF IMMIGRANTS: "Blessed and Broken: Immigration and the Eucharist" 8:30-12 PM, Regina Dominican HS, 701 Locust Rd, Wilmette, 312-641-1250 x113**MAY 8:**

ARCHDIOCESE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION MINISTRY: KEEP HOPE ALIVE Annual Benefit, St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago; 6:30-9 PM, Hosted by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich; info Mark Goebel, 312-534-8383 or mgoebel@archchicago.org

Action Five: Social Media:

Peace to all this Easter!

Thank you for your efforts!