



August 14 - 20, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

August 15th - five year anniversary of the first DACA applications for immigration relief.

August 19th - World Humanitarian Day

Cities Baffled as Jeff Sessions Targets Them on Immigration - by Associated Press

Despite claims, immigrants don't come in using welfare benefits - by Alexia Campbell/VOX

Legislation prompts new analysis of economic benefits from immigrants - by Niv Elis/The Hill

Action One: Prayer

To you, Creator of nature and humanity, of truth and beauty, I pray: hear my voice for it is the voice of all victims of wars and violence among individuals and nations. Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer. Hear my voice when I beg you to instill in the hearts of all human beings the vision of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship. Amen. (Prayer by St. John Paul II)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL – Are Members of Congress Doing Enough to Respond to the Terrorist Attack at Charlottesville? Use this resource:

<https://www.indivisibleguide.com/resource/members-congress-enough-respond-charlottesville-terrorist-attack/>

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.**

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect DACA. 1) Call your Senators and tell them to co-sponsor the bipartisan Durbin-Graham “DREAM Act” (S. 1615) to create a legislative fix to the predicament. 2) Call your House Representative and tell her/him to co-sponsor Rep. Gutierrez’s American Hope Act (H.R. 3591) give those with DACA a path to permanent legal status. <https://www.contactingcongress.org/3-1-1-1-1/n/n>

NATIONAL LEVEL - [Congress needs to know that we the people stand against this very cruel and un-American immigration policy: sign our petition to oppose the RAISE Act now.](#)

NATIONAL LEVEL - Summer Action Grassroots Tool Kit Resource - Defunding the Detention & Deportation Machine. <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/9ad537bf-b580-4b01-95b5-20d35c815e69>

NATIONAL LEVEL -Tell Senate Democrats: Do everything in your power to block Trump’s war on immigrants. https://act.credoaction.com/sign/sen_dem_immigrants?t=3&akid=24080.2678758.T7TDtg

NATIONAL LEVEL - Venezuela continues to deteriorate and human rights are at risk. Act now and sign the petition to demand that Venezuelan authorities end illegal practice of arbitrary detentions. <https://act.amnestyusa.org/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1839&ea.campaign.id=68896&ea.url.id=997883&forwarded=true>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your senators to vote NO on the minibus and to oppose the wall.

[https://secure.afsc.org/onlineactions/m2IP9wKHI0aMz1njDxpSLQ2?emci=176810a4-0176-e711-80c2-](https://secure.afsc.org/onlineactions/m2IP9wKHI0aMz1njDxpSLQ2?emci=176810a4-0176-e711-80c2-000d3a1049cf&emdi=6079aae3-e876-e711-80c2-000d3a1049cf&fn=Louise&mn=&ln=Nolta&em=jpicssps%40yahoo.com&add1=319+Waukegan+Rd+&ci=Northfield&st=IL&pc=60093&hp=8474410126&mp=&wp=&ep=&oc=&p=Ms&s=)

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STATE LEVEL - Call Gov. Rauner at [312-814-2121](tel: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 - [Will you sign this petition to urge Governor Bruce Rauner to stand with immigrant youth who are protected by DACA?](#)

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.

HB 2394: STATE LEVEL ----HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID. CALL TO HAVE STUDENTS 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 power to grant economic aid to students regardless of their immigration status. Please provide 4 year public universities with legal authority to provide financial aid to undocumented students who qualify for in-state tuition. Call these Reps; 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

Toolkit for August 2017 Local Congressional Visits: Protecting Resources for Refugee Protection & Resettlement - <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/5f950afa-917d-4933-9ba4-48fb2effc13a>

Venezuelan bishop confirms fraudulence of national elections - http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/venezuelan-bishop-confirms-fraudulence-of-national-elections-56646/?utm_source=CNA&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_newsletter

[RAISE Act Will Weaken Family Bonds and Impact Nation's Ability to Respond to Those in Crisis says U.S. Catholic Bishops Chairman](#)

Earlier this year, the [U.S. Regional World Meeting of Popular Movements](#) took place in Modesto, California. The convening brought together hundreds of faith and social justice leaders from various cultures and communities from across the United States to discuss important themes such as migration, labor and housing.

How White House's Immigration Reform Might Backfire - https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/08/consequences-of-amending-the-1965-immigration-act/536094/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=91f36376ee-CLINIC_Daily_8-10-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-91f36376ee-284015825

Turn Up the August Heat on Congress: Everything you need to keep talking to Members of Congress about TrumpCare, Tax Reform, Immigration and the Budget. <http://recess.indivisibleguide.com/>

Action Four: Action

"Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans During WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties" Through 11/19: Alphawood Gallery, 2401 N. Halstead St. Chicago, 773-687-7676. Alphawoodgallery.org.

Action Five: Social Media - [.@WhiteHouse](#) #Support the DACA students who want the same future as we do. [Thank you for your efforts!](#)