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What's Happening?

Biden directs ICE to focus arrests on security threats - LA Times

ICE plans to release migrant families in detention, officials say - CNN

First 'Remain in Mexico' asylum seekers enter US at San Ysidro - LA Times

US senators revive bill to make status easier for Hong Kong protestors - Reuters

UN refugee office to help screen asylum seekers for US entry - VOA

Immigration bill includes eight-year path to citizenship - USA Today

Biden admin prepares new rules placing stricter enforcement parameters on ICE - CNN

Biden tells DHS to end use of 'illegal alien' in communications - BuzzFeed

Biden rejects Trump's official's deal with ICE Union - BuzzFeed

What will become of sanctuary beneficiaries in Biden era? - LA Times

Freezing weather impacts asylum seekers at US Mexico border - Dallas Morning News

Black lawmakers urge Biden to stop deportation of black immigrants to countries like Haiti and Cameroon - Wash Post

Action One: Prayer

God, you have given all peoples on common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things, you give us, may we secure an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May there be an end to division, strife, and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace. We ask this in your name. (*Author Unknown*)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop deportations of immigrant families. Urge Biden to halt deportations immediately, and take steps to ensure families remain together and free in the United States.

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/75349/action/1?locale=en-US>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send the petition: Demand the Senate pass HR 1, For the People Act, and rebuild our democracy.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-demand-the-senate-pass-hr-1-and-rebuild-our-democracy?source=2021HR1_AFT&referrer=group-americans-for-tax-fairness&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/passhr1&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1053455&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&mail_referrer=email_1053455&email_subject=sign-now-tell-congress-to-empower-working-people-to-access-our-democracy

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to pass the American Rescue Plan.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan/?source=group-coalition-on-human-needs&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/americanrescueplan&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1050028&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1050028&email_subject=tell-congress-pass-the-american-rescue-plan

NATIONAL LEVEL - Restore our asylum system - halt expulsions of people fleeing violence.

<https://lawg.salsalabs.org/stopexpulsions/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f672b306-5059-42c4-81af-e12ca3a1af48&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=617e3018-9941-458b-b32a-de065604e721>

NATIONAL LEVEL Who will get pandemic relief? Write to your member of Congress to pass a robust and comprehensive recovery package that meets the needs and urgency of this crisis.

<https://act.sojo.net/page/26379/action/1?ea.url.id=750825>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to end the Muslim ban. America is a place where all races and religions should be able to live free and equal lives.

<https://muslimadvocates.org/action/no-ban-act/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell President Biden to address the root causes of migration from Central America -

https://faithinactioninternational.salsalabs.org/rootcausesbidentransition/index.html?utm_source=congregation&utm_campaign=c8917cde2e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_12_28_04_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2ffe2ad288-c8917cde2e-365033757

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Congress pass Anti-Racism in public health act and address racism in our health care systems -

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-congress-pass-the-anti-racism-in-public-health-act-and-address-racism-in-our-health-care-systems?source=2021AntiRacismPublicHealth_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/antiracisminpublichealth&link_id=2&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_1068235&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_1068235&email_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-congress-pass-the-anti-racism-in-public-health-act

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NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to make family reunification a top priority until every single separated family is reunited.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-make-family-reunification-a-top-priority>

Action Three: Education

What will become of sanctuary beneficiaries in the Biden era?

https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-02-15/biden-immigration-reform-what-happens-to-sanctuary-beneficiaries?utm_id=23812&sfmc_id=807784

The ambiguous end of 'Remain in Mexico' program -

<https://newrepublic.com/article/161364/remain-in-mexico-asylum-biden-border>

El Paso nonprofits prepare for surge of asylum seekers -

<https://kfoxtv.com/news/immigration/el-paso-nonprofits-prepare-for-surge-of-asylum-seekers>

Biden is still blocking people like me, with visas, from entering the US -

<https://immigrationforum.it.acemlnb.com/Prod/link-tracker?redirectUrl=aHR0cHMIM0EIMkYIMkZ3d3cud2FzaGluZ3RvbnBvc3QuY29tJTJGbnV0bG9vayUyRjIwMjEIMkYwMiUyRjE3JTJGYSmlkZW4tdHJ1bXAtaW1taWdyYXRpb24tb3JkZXItZmlzYS1sb3R0ZXJ5JTJG&a=26236480&account=immigrationforum%2Eactivehosted%2Ecom&email=zBEDI3ve66lqq5RqCLi44RwUnRnlmwIUcIJKd9A7F3A%3D&s=67c23cb015e1268a4a7a297dedc7671a&i=361A446A24A7409>

Biden's higher refugee cap will boost resettlement in US - eventually

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/immigration/bidens-higher-refugee-cap-will-boost-resettlement-us-eventually>

Biden's immigration reform proposal explained -

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/us-politics/bidens-immigration-reform-proposal-explained>

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: (@Rep/Sen) 79 yrs. ago this month, 120k Japanese Americans were forced into incarceration camps. As we remember those who suffered & lost everything in prison-like compounds, we acknowledge the systemic racism that continues to plague our nation. We must end mass detention & family separation.

Thank you for your efforts!