



January 15 - 21, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Trump order upends future for a generation of Salvadorans who now must leave the US. - LA Times

Family ties drive US immigration. Why Trump wants to break "the chains." - Washington Post

US immigration agents target 7-Eleven stores in pre-dawn raids - The Guardian

Trump administration forced to renew DACA permits as furor over the president's immigration slur persists - LA Times

How Trump is building a bureaucratic wall to keep out immigrants - Chicago Tribune

Judge faults US for holding immigrant defendants freed on bail - NYTimes

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 - Act Now! Tell your Congressional Representatives to either pass the DREAM Act or vote NO on any spending bill that leaves our families and communities behind.
<http://cgrcengage.com/oneamericavotes/app/onestep-write-a-letter?0&engagementId=427333>

NATIONAL LEVEL - With all the activity happening around DACA and the Dream Act, your calls to Congress matter now more than ever. Please call your member of Congress at **202-224-3121** and say: *"Congress MUST pass the Dream Act! I need you to commit to a vote supporting Dreamers, or else 800,000 young people who are American in almost every way will face deportation. We can't let that happen."*

NATIONAL LEVEL - Now is the time to remind Members of Congress to keep their promise and pass legislation immediately. Call your Senators to support the Dream Act today! Dial **1-888-410-0619** now. (Call twice to reach both Senators). Urge them to pass the best legislative solution, the Dream Act, before January 19!

NATIONAL LEVEL - Trump won't apologize, but WE can. To Haitians, Ghanaians, Nigerians, Salvadorans, Mexicans, and everyone Trump attacks and insults: we are sorry. Sign the petition:

https://secure.avaaz.org/campaign/en/haiti_trump_us_22/?bnjDAbb&v=101567&cl=13754832629&checksum=9b8a49ad0a6f393f6e358d04b62259d52ad9f848ac459c1f752e01e47d71e798

NATIONAL LEVEL - It has been 16 years since the Guantánamo detention facility opened for business. Nearly 800 individuals have been detained at Guantánamo there since it started in January 2002. Most detainees have been there for over a decade, and the majority have never been charged with any offenses. Toffiq al-Bihani has been stuck in Guantánamo for 14 years without charge or trial—take action now and demand his transfer.

<https://act.amnestyusa.org/page/17643/action/1?ea.url.id=1226898>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand with ADC in Support of Syrian Human Rights. TPS for Syrian nationals expires March 31, 2018, and is fast approaching. Nearly 6,000 Syrian nationals in the United States are TPS beneficiaries and live in limbo for fear of forced removal.

http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50434/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=2

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stand with DREAMers and tell Congress to act NOW!

<http://action.timryanforcongress.com/page/s/add-your-name-stand-with-dreamers-and-tell-congress-to-pass-immigration-reform-now-?source=em20180106>

NATIONAL LEVEL - The Francis Project is asking us all to send a letter to Congress telling them to pass the Dream Act. This is crucial, so, as a person of faith, please sign our letter today and forward it to your friends and family as well.

http://www.francisproject.org/dreamact?utm_campaign=121017_1844&utm_medium=email&utm_source=francisproject

LOCAL LEVEL - Make a call with this script to demand the release of Wilmer who was wrongly detained. Dial **312-347-2400** (Press * when your call goes through): "I'm calling to urge Director Ricardo Wong to release Wilmer Catalan-Ramirez (A#098 500 300). He has been detained for 9 months without proper medical care. His health is decline and as a result he has experienced multiple seizures while in detention.

Action Three: Education

Who is negotiating the immigration deal in Washington? - http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/11/politics/key-players-immigration-congress/index.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=6db7c0b0f8-CLINIC_Daily_1-12-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-6db7c0b0f8-284015825

What Does Chain Migration Mean? - https://www.npr.org/2018/01/11/577279617/what-does-chain-migration-mean-we-get-an-explanation?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=6db7c0b0f8-CLINIC_Daily_1-12-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-6db7c0b0f8-284015825

"People will have to decide whether hiding from immigration agents is better than hiding from MS-13." - <http://beta.latimes.com/world/mexico-americas/la-fg-el-salvador-tps-20180108-story.html#nws=mcnewsletter>

Action Four: Action

MARCH and RALLY – Wed., January 17th at 5pm at Daley Plaza for rally to pass Clean DREAM act and defend TPS. Program will begin at 5:30pm, followed by a march to Trump tower. **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! RSVP - facebook event** -<https://www.facebook.com/events/387879981676932/>

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, [1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL](#)

First Fridays are Interfaith Services; other Fridays center on the Catholic Rosary

DIRECTIONS: from Loop, take I-290 west to south 25th Ave, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington; turn left on Beach St.

Action Five: Social Media -- Faith communities urge [Senator / Rep] to pass #DreamAct & protect 800,000 immigrant youth #HereToStay #Dream2017 **Thank you for your efforts!**