



June 29 – July 5, 2020

What's Happening?

US Supreme Court rejects TX Democrats request to expand mail in voting - CNN

Trump admin to extend troop at the border through 2021 - The Hill

House approves statehood for Wash DC in 232-180 vote - The Hill

Gov't must release migrant children in detention cntrs due to Covid19, judge orders - NBC

A separate win in US Appeals court allows Trump's expansion of fast track deportation - Roll Call

SC says rejected asylum seekers have no right to object in court - NY Times

US immigration agency prepares to furlough more than half its workforce - CNN

Trump announces new H1-B visa restrictions on foreign workers with some exceptions - LA Times

US blocks travelers' visas from Burundi over deportations - AP

Trump admin aims to end Dreamers immigration program in six months - Reuters

ICE asked by Texas MOC to release Covid19 vulnerable detainees - Texas Tribune

Action One: Prayer

God of all, we struggle to welcome those we don't know to join our communities. Please guide our actions so we may be a reflection of your love. We struggle to find common ground with those who are from different places and have different customs. Please guide our words so we speak with charity and hospitality. We struggle to remember our own times of transition and uncertainty. Please send your Holy Spirit to challenge our assumptions. May we continue to seek new ways to find you in our lives. May we Share the Journey with one another, every day. We ask all this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (from Bread for the World)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Calling interfaith voices to take action against the immigration ban. Tell the president you stand with immigrants. <https://p2a.co/WEt1Y7m>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign petition to USCIS: DACA is here to stay. Allow eligible youth to apply.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth?detail=emailaction&link_id=6&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-uscis-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligibile-youth&email_referrer=email_842360&email_subject=outrage-highest-court-in-the-land-protects-migrant-youth-trump-administration-defies-court

NATIONAL LEVEL - Let America Vote! Help to pass a universal vote-by-mail option and ensure that voting is safe, sanitary and secure. https://sign.actiontaker.org/page/s/LAV-JA-Vote-by-Mail-q22020?source=NDRC-PAC&redirect_url=https://sign.actiontaker.org/VBM-Option-NDRC-PAC-AB

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send the petition to the US Senate: We must have funding for Vote by Mail.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-to-the-us-senate-we-must-have-funding-for-vote-by-mail?source=2020SenateFundVBMc3s_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/senatemustactvotebymail&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_835249&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_835249&email_subject=re-add-your-name-demand-the-senate-fund-voting-by-mail

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to stop Trump's new immigration and family ban.

<https://greateras1.org/take-action-urge-congress-to-stop-trumps-new-immigration-family-ban/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your Senators requesting that they support the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2019 and encourage the Senate to introduce a companion bill to H.R.6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

<https://franciscanactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/ProtectDreamers/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=27779837-39dc-41cb-b745-e96b9c9a96fb>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Franciscans call for "Civilian-izing" American police forces. Urge your MOC to work to return police depts to civilian modes.

<https://franciscanactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/Demilitarizethepolice/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5161274e-4b22-4133-bbbc-83e559e45c67>

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NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to include immigrants in Covid19 relief -

<https://www.nilc.org/action/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=6022f642-f1f9-41e4-b4be-e737f9fd6f8f>

Action Three: Education

UNHCR Global Trends Report: 1 percent of humanity displaced

https://www.unrefugees.org/news/1-percent-of-humanity-displaced-unhcr-global-trends-report?utm_medium=email&utm_cid=0034100002D5pfQAAR&utm_source=u4u-update&utm_campaign=US_PS_EN_CORE_UPDATE_200625&utm_content=newengagedsubs1&SF_onetime=7011K000001FolnQAK&SF_monthly=7011K000001FolsQAK

True cost of deportation - <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/06/22/the-true-costs-of-deportation>

Trump's taking another run at DACA. And a Texas case is a real threat to the program -

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/supreme-court/trump-taking-another-run-daca-texas-case-real-threat-program-n1231562>

Harvard Business Review: Research shows Immigrants help businesses grow -

<https://hbr.org/2018/10/research-shows-immigrants-help-businesses-grow-heres-why>

Trump admin aims to end Dreamers immigration program in six months -

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-court-immigration-wolf/trump-administration-aims-to-end-dreamers-immigration-program-in-six-months-idUSKBN23S0QI>

How I finally became a US citizen amid the pandemic

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/politics/becoming-us-citizen-pandemic/>

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 – (@ Sen/Rep) Our communities can't afford to wait while the Senate goes on vacation. The pandemic has wrecked state & local budgets, and public services are on the line. We need federal aid ASAP to reopen. **Thank you for all efforts!**