



August 7 - 13, 2017 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

Massachusetts Governor Sides with Trump over State Supreme Court on Immigration – by Mark Stern/SLATE

August 9th - international day of world's indigenous peoples

House Approves Spending Package, Border Wall and All - by By Emmarie Huettman/NY Times

U.S. and Australia to engage in refugee swap program - by Colin Packham/Reuters

Migrants in surge fare far worse in immigration court than other groups - by Julia Preston/WashPost

Trump supports GOP plan to dramatically reduce legal immigration – by Ken Thomas/Jill Colvin/Chicago Tribune

Action One: Prayer

Holy Mary, With thee I pray for all who travel under burning sun or through driving rain through a teeming city or a barren wilderness, over treacherous waters to unknown shores. May they find shelter along the way, food for the journey, compassion in the hearts of those they meet, and safe harbor at the crooked road's end. Reflect the Creator's shining grace onto all our paths, Blessed Mother. May all our journeys lead us closer to God. Amen (Catholic Relief Services)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Venezuela continues to deteriorate and human rights are at risk. Act now and sign the petition. Venezuelan authorities need 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>

HR 2581: NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Oppose the RAISE Act - <http://action.nilc.org/page/s/tell-congress-oppose-the-raise-act?source=em170802-raise-act>

NATIONAL LEVEL -Stand in Support of Dreamers! Urge your Senators and Representative to co-sponsor the Dream Act.

http://cqrengage.com/jesuit/app/onestepletter?2&engagementId=380873&ep=AAAAC2Flc0NpcGhlcjAxhscO3rFMP3eHIKcAFHPjzZGLiDnHgY2c5ZorD5zIpu0nYaTt7JTfY38iuhF67BXzLRgbY_aZQtg8bkaMt8qZAOXcf0D1237GsFhsgcAwAw&lp=0

NATIONAL LEVEL - TAKE ACTION: Support Immigrant Survivors. Contact your Senators. Find your Senator: <https://www.senate.gov> by scrolling the directory at top left of website. Tell them you reject increased funding for immigration enforcement purposes in current DHS appropriations bill. [Use this template statement](#) as op-ed or press statement to lift up your concerns. Post it on social media.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your senators to vote NO on the minibus and to oppose the wall.
http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50887/p/dia/action4/common/public/index.sjs?action_KEY=22972

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

STATE LEVEL - Call Gov. Rauner at 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 All US Catholics are called to oppose mass deportation under Trump.

https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/07/31/all-us-catholics-are-called-oppose-mass-deportations-under-trump-heres?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=b270b36a17-CLINIC_Daily_8-3-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-b270b36a17-279173657

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

Why Are Undocumented Immigrants Smuggled by Truck? - http://www.npr.org/2017/07/27/539711819/why-are-undocumented-migrants-smuggled-by-truck?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=dd686b895d-CLINIC_Daily_7-31-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-dd686b895d-279173657

[Catholic charities want people to hear migrants' stories](#)

Study says nixing TPS immigration program would harm economy -

<http://catholicphilly.com/2017/07/news/national-news/study-says-doing-away-with-immigration-program-would-harm-economy/>

Legal paths for migration help stop trafficking, Catholic group say https://cruxnow.com/global-church/2017/07/30/legal-paths-migration-help-stop-trafficking-catholic-groups-say/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=91716e2022-CLINIC_Daily_8-31-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-91716e2022-279173657

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[CNN: Reasons why immigrants risk coming to the U.S. without documents](#)

By the numbers: Migrant deaths and human trafficking in the US -

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/28/us/migrant-deaths-and-human-trafficking-by-the-numbers/index.html>

Action Four: Action

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

alphawoodgallery.org

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse #Protect the REFUGEES who want the same future as we do.

Thank you for your efforts!