

NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER PRIORITIES SIGNED ON TO ON BEHALF OF U.S. PROVINCE LEADERS: Week of March 1-7, 2020 (Prepared by Brigid Lawlor, Liaison)

NAC FOCUS AREA: IMMIGRATION

ISSUE: SUSPEND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT DURING CENSUS 2020

General Content: To support an inclusive and accurate count of this country's population during Census 2020, we are calling for a suspension of immigration enforcement activities during the Census to allay fears in the immigrant community and encourage a complete count.

Sent to: President Trump, Chad Wolf, Acting Sec. of Homeland Security, Wilbur Ross, Commerce Secretary, and Dr. Stephen Dillingham, U.S. Census Bureau Director

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ISSUE: REQUEST FOR 60-DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR EOIR PROPOSED RULE ON FEES: EOIR DOCKET NO. 18-0101

General Content: The proposed fee changes will have grave consequences for people seeking appeals in their immigration cases and individuals who are eligible for relief such as cancellation of removal. If people are unable to appeal their cases through the BIA because they lack sufficient funds, they may be swiftly deported to some of the most dangerous places in the world. Further, this proposal has significant implications on access to due process and justice since cases cannot be appealed to the federal circuit court for review until all administrative remedies through EOIR have been exhausted. Given these significant consequences, we do not see a justification for deviating from the 60-day standard for comment periods, as designated in EO 12866 and EO 13563.

Sent to: Lauren Alder Reid Assistant Director, Office of Policy - Executive Office for Immigration Review and Paul Ray, Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

Sponsored by: Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

ISSUE: ASYLUM SEEKERS IN REMAIN IN MEXICO / "MIGRANT PROTECTION PROTOCOLS" POLICY

General Content: Calling on DHS to end MPP. This is another letter to the Administration to end a cruel program they implemented. It goes beyond condemning the policy and calling for its end. It states organizations are ready to provide legal and humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers in MPP.

Sent to: Honorable Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary, Department of Homeland Security

Sponsored by: Refugee Advocacy Human Rights First

ISSUE: IMMIGRATION APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

General Content: Request to congress to: 1) Make dramatic cuts in funding for ICE and CBP, including specifically: no funding for the border wall; cuts in funding for ICE and CBP agents; and massive reductions in funding for detention. 2) Ensure that accountability measures across spending bills are put in place to ensure that the administration is held to appropriated funding levels with regard to detention and enforcement spending and wall and fencing construction. 3) Have robust prohibitions on the use of funds for the abusive programs being used by the administration to effectively close the southern border to asylum seekers, including: the Migrant

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Protection Protocols; the regulatory bans on asylum eligibility; the so-called Asylum Cooperative Agreements; and the newly implemented expedited processing programs known as PACR and HARP.

Sent to: Congress

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NAC FOCUS AREA: POVERTY

ISSUE: FAIR LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION FUNDING 302 (B)

General Content: This letter about the Subcommittee's share of appropriations, It is an excellent opportunity to show lawmakers the strength of support for vital services including child care, Head Start, home heating assistance, job training and education, nutrition for seniors, substance use and mental health services, public health protections, and community actions' anti-poverty programs.

Sent to: The Honorable Richard Shelby, Chair, and the Honorable Patrick Leahy Vice Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. Senate and The Honorable Nita Lowey, Chair and The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations – House of Representatives

Sponsored by: Coalition on Human Needs

OTHER RELATED NAC AREAS

ISSUE: INCREASE CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY IN TAX

General Content: Globally, publicly traded multinational corporations only publicly disclose their global profits, so you can't see how much they're booking in tax havens. Prior to 2015, MNCs only reported to tax authorities their operations in that specific country, so tax authorities couldn't see how MNCs were gaming the system. Then, in 2015, the OECD member nations (including the U.S.) agreed to a standard requiring large multinational corporations to privately report to tax authorities their global taxes, profits, revenues, employees, and a few other metrics disaggregated on a country-by-country basis. That led to the IRS disclosure requirements going into effect in 2016. For the first time in 5 years, the OECD is reviewing its standard, so now is the time to push them to:

- Require corporations to PUBLICLY disclose this information.
- Lower the threshold for reporting so that many more multinational corporations have to report this information, and
- Align their standard with the newly published Tax Standard from the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), which produces better information.

Sent to: Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD

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