



EXODUS REFUGEE

The Life Ahead

World Refugee Day



Overview



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Welcome!



- Thank you for joining us today!
- Every voice matters, and we appreciate you taking the time to use yours in support of our immigrant neighbors.
- The key part of advocating is sharing your why – why do you care about an issue and how does it impact you/your community?



**What has happened to
Refugee Resettlement in
the last 6 months?**



Actions taken by the Trump administration so far:

- An indefinite ban on refugee resettlement, stranding tens of thousands of refugees who have gone through years of security screening and remain in danger overseas.
- Termination of Reception and Placement contracts for all resettlement agencies
- A suspension of all foreign aid to displaced people overseas — followed by stop work orders implicating services to refugees and forcibly displaced people who are already here.
- A total ban on access to asylum and other protections for anyone arriving at the border.
- Authorizing and mobilizing the military to stop people seeking protection from entering the United States via the southern border.
- An expansion of detention and deportation in the interior of the United States and an end to guidance preventing ICE enforcement actions in churches and schools.



Actions taken by the Trump administration cont.:

- Termination of Humanitarian Parole CHNV (Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, Venezuelans), meaning more than half a million people will lose their status and be issued notices to depart the US.
- Issuing notices to those who received Humanitarian Parole through the CBPOne app the Biden administration used to depart the US within 7 days.
- Terminated a majority of contracts for the Unaccompanied Children Program, which provides legal representation to thousands of unaccompanied immigrant children across the country, including infants.
- Expansion of ICE arrests, detentions, and deportations with increased pressure for a daily minimum of 3,000 detentions and ICE already being \$1 billion over budget with 3 months left in the fiscal year
- Travel ban targeting 19 countries, with 36 more to be added in the next 60 days

Ongoing Litigation



- CWS, our national partner, has filed as part of *Pacito v. Trump* in response to the indefinite pause on refugee resettlement, and on the termination of the Reception and Placement contracts
- After initial decisions in the *Pacito* case, a judge has ordered 160 refugees who were supposed to travel immediately following the suspension of USRAP need to be resettled, and a special neutral is going to be appointed to make decisions the rest of the thousands of refugees who had been approved for travel.
- CWS publishes a State of Play email every weekday with updates about actions taken by the Trump administration and updates to ongoing litigation – you can subscribe and find the online version here: <https://cwsglobal.org/blog/daily-state-of-play-trumps-indefinite-refugee-ban-and-funding-halt/>
- The New York Times is tracking all ongoing litigation against the Trump administration, including issues beyond immigration: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2025/us/trump-administration-lawsuits.html>

How can you advocate?

Asks



- Urge the President to resume Refugee Resettlement.
- Urge the Secretary of State to resume federal aid and overseas processing of refugees.
- Urge the President to lift the travel ban.
- Urge the President to stop using the military to stop people seeking asylum at the southern border. Seeking Asylum is a human right.
- Urge the President to stop setting ICE detention quotas
- Urge the Secretary of State and Homeland Security to report to the President that the US Refugee Admissions Program should resume.



Whom to Contact

Secretary of State (Address as Mister Secretary)

The Honorable Marco Rubio

Secretary of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

[Contact Form](http://bit.ly/SecStateContactForm) - bit.ly/SecStateContactForm

Secretary of Homeland Security (Address as Madam Secretary)

The Honorable Kristi Noem

Secretary of Homeland Security

Washington, D.C. 20528

The President (Address as Mister President)

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, D.C. 20500

[Contact Form](https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/) - <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

Asks for Members of Congress



- Call on the Trump administration to immediately rescind the refugee ban, reverse course on stop-work orders, and oppose other executive orders that target our asylum-seeking and immigrant neighbors and the communities that welcome them.
- Support legislation and appropriations that uphold decades of precedent for welcoming newcomers – and oppose legislation that further codifies harm to immigrants.
- Publicly express your support for refugees and humanitarian protections. Urge them to be vocal in support for refugees and recognize and uplift the value refugees and newcomers bring to our community
- Hold the Trump administration accountable to rulings from the courts. Many of the preliminary injunctions state that Congress should be the one to exercise authority over immigration matters, not the President.

Indiana Senators & Representative



Senator Todd Young

Contact Form: <https://www.young.senate.gov/contact/email-todd/>

Mail: 185 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

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Senator Jim Banks

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Phone: 202-224-4814

Fort Wayne Phone: 260-321-7130

Find your Representative here:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>



Governor Braun



- Ask to repeal Executive Order 25-29 Supporting Federal Immigration Policy and Protecting Hoosier Workers by Indiana's State Agencies
 - Requires agencies and departments of the State of Indiana, and state and local law enforcement to report to and fully cooperate with ICE
- Urge the Governor to support refugees and immigrants in Indiana

Mail:

Office of the Governor

Statehouse

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

Phone – 317-232-4567

Contact Form:

<https://in.accessgov.com/gov/Forms/Page/gov/ask-mike/>

State Legislator Asks



While the 2025 Session has essentially concluded, there are still ways to advocate to your state Senator and Representative.

- If your Representative or Senator opposed anti-immigration legislation this session, be sure to thank them for standing up for our immigrant neighbors!
- Once the session concludes, interim study committees are formed to look at what legislation should be considered for next year. It is an important time to contact authors of bills to ask them to not reintroduce harmful legislation, and to ask committees to look at legislation that would support immigrants, such as Driving Privilege Cards.



State Rep & State Senator

- Find Your Legislators:
 - <https://iga.in.gov/information/find-legislators>





Sample Letter & Phone Calls

Dear [Representative/Senator],

My name is [name] and I live in [postal code/neighborhood/city]. As your constituent and a [faith member/refugee/member of my community] I urge you and your office to stand with refugees and push back on the Trump administrations suspension of the refugee resettlement program.

This policy is harmful and leaves thousands of refugees in overcrowded camps and in countries that endanger their safety. The United States has historically been a global leader in refugee resettlement offering them safety from violence, persecution and instability.

Refugees are important to me and my community because of [personal reason or story why refugees are important to you].

I urge you as your constituent to publicly voice your support for refugees and call on President Trump to resume the crucial refugee resettlement program.

Refugees are important to our community, and we should be welcoming to the most vulnerable with open arms. I encourage you to honor our American legacy of welcome.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. I appreciate your service and hope you will act in the best interest of our state, and our country.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Sample Letter & Phone Calls



Dear [Representative/Senator],

My name is [name] and I live in [postal code/neighborhood/city]. As your constituent and a [faith member/refugee/member of my community] I urge you and your office to stand with immigrants and refugees and push back on the Trump administration travel ban on 12 countries and the additional restrictions on 7 countries.

This executive order is harmful to immigrant communities who will no longer be able to reunite with their families. This executive order is effectively slamming the door to people seeking refuge and asylum. Combined with the executive order to halt refugee resettlement, we are shirking our nation's responsibility under international law to grant asylum to those who seek it. We are abandoning our legacy of welcome in a time where it has never been more crucial to continue refugee resettlement.

Immigrants and refugees are important to our community because [reason why immigrants and refugees are important to you].

As your constituent, I urge you to publicly stand with the refugees and immigrants in your community and call for change in the Trump administration's travel ban, and resume visa eligibility to those in travel ban affected countries. I urge you to publicly stand with the refugees and immigrants in your community and call for immediate change.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. I appreciate your service and hope you will act in the best interest of our state, and our country.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Sample Letter & Phone Calls



Dear Senator/Representative [Last Name],

I am writing to you today to express my concern about the actions taken so far by the Trump administration targeting immigrants in our country. While I understand the need for public safety, these actions are inhumane and ultimately go against the legacy of welcome upheld by the United States.

Firstly, I urge you to publicly express your support for refugees and humanitarian protections. Call on the Trump administration to immediately rescind the refugee ban, reverse course on stop-work orders, and oppose other executive orders that target our asylum-seeking and immigrant neighbors and the communities that welcome them. I urge you to be vocal in support for refugees and recognize and uplift the value refugees and newcomers bring to our community – including via press events, floor statements, and on social media.

Additionally, I want you to hold the Trump administration accountable to rulings from the courts. Many of the preliminary injunctions from ongoing litigation against the President state that Congress should be the one to exercise authority over immigration matters, not the President. It is your responsibility to represent all of your constituents, especially vulnerable humanitarian immigrants, who pursued lawful pathways to come to the United States. It is our responsibility to honor those protections as they seek safety.

It is critical that we ensure proper allocation of responsibilities and resources, Support legislation and appropriations that uphold decades of precedent for welcoming newcomers – and oppose legislation that further codifies harm to immigrants.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. I appreciate your service and hope you will act in the best interest of our state, and our country.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

CWS Action Alerts



TAKE ACTION: Urge Your Senators to Vote NO on Budget Bill that Slashes Human Needs Programs to Fund Mass Detention and Deportation

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-your-senators-to-reject-reconciliation-bill-that-slashes-human-needs-programs-to-fund-mass-detention-and-deportation-2/>

TAKE ACTION: This World Refugee Day, Urge Congress to Defend Refuge

<https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-this-world-refugee-day-urge-congress-to-defend-refuge/>



Questions?



Thank you!

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