

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition is brought together across many theological traditions with a common call to seek just policies that lift up the God-given dignity of every individual. We look forward to faithful partnership with members of the 115th Congress to continue our work to protect the rights, dignity, and safety of all refugees and migrants. We are committed to:

Prioritizing family unity: Our faiths teach us that families are a basic unit of strong communities. **We urge you to affirm the importance of family-based immigration visas and ensure that children do not have to live in fear of a parent being taken from them at any moment.**

Protecting undocumented young people: Almost 800,000 undocumented youth and young adults who are already part of the fabric of our society have, since 2012, had the opportunity to work, pursue their dreams, and benefit their communities without fear of deportation. We will continue to work toward legislative solutions that will protect these and other undocumented members of our communities. **We urge you to work to immediately pass the BRIDGE Act, bipartisan legislation that will protect these young people.**

Upholding religious freedom: As faith communities, we understand that protecting individuals regardless of their religion is not only an American value but is essential to a faithful call for justice. The U.S. has historically welcomed refugees and immigrants without regard for the religion they practice. **We urge you to reject all proposals to ban, register, or otherwise discriminate against individuals based on their religion.**

Ensuring discretion in immigration enforcement: Many immigrants are long-time residents of U.S. communities. This includes individuals who have made mistakes in the past and have changed their lives for the better. Unjust immigration policies penalize non-citizens more severely than their U.S. citizen peers, making minor violations subject not only to prison sentences but also prolonged detention and deportation, sometimes years after the initial sentence has already been served. **We urge you to oppose policies that result in members of our communities being detained and deported for old, minor, or nonviolent crimes for which they have already faced consequences and instead affirm the use of prosecutorial and judicial discretion.**

Pursuing the civil and human rights of border communities: The borderlands are a dynamic home to bi-national and indigenous communities. Current enforcement practices are devastating these communities, contributing to the deaths of thousands of migrants traveling in remote regions and violating the rights of U.S. citizens and migrants alike. **We urge you to reject further militarization of the border, oppose border enforcement policies that violate human and civil rights and affirm policies that include strong oversight and accountability mechanisms, including community engagement.**

Safeguarding refugee resettlement and asylum: The U.S. refugee resettlement program is a life-saving public-private partnership with historical bipartisan support and has been lifted up as a standard of excellence for the rest of the world. All people fleeing to safety deserve access to protection and to be treated with dignity. Communities of faith are ready and willing to continue to welcome refugees and other vulnerable individuals into our homes, communities, and hearts. **We urge you to support refugee resettlement and access to asylum – programs governed by core humanitarian principles and grounded in values of hospitality, compassion, and welcome.**

Defending community trust policies: Community safety is best protected when all community members, regardless of immigration status, feel safe approaching law enforcement officials and do not fear that they, their family, or other community members will be detained or deported as a result of such interaction. **We urge you to oppose policies that penalize communities and local police departments for prioritizing community safety over their participation in federal immigration enforcement activities.**