

# **IMMIGRANT RIGHTS UPDATES**

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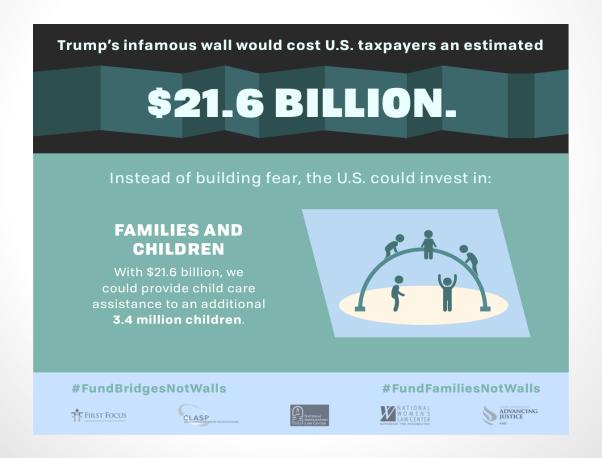
# **AGENDA**

- Welcome Shiu-Ming Cheer, NILC (2 min)
- Congressional budget Jackie Vimo, NILC (7 min)
- Divest/Invest campaign Ben Ndugga-Kabuye, Black Alliance for Just Immigration (7 min)
- Q&A (5 min)
- Health issues ACA repeal efforts & the "Verify First" Act— Matt Lopas, NILC (7 min)
- Litigation update, including DACA cases Nicholas Espiritu, NILC (7 min)
- Q&A (20 min)

# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

### MARCH 2017: TRUMP'S 'SKINNY' BUDGET (discretionary only)

- ✓ Major cuts, slashes EPA by one third, DOL 21%, HHS by 18%
- √ \$54 BILLION Increase Defense Department funding
- √ \$2.6 BILLION payment for border wall
- ✓ DHS Internal estimates: wall will ultimately cost \$21.6 BILLION



### **FY17 TRUMP REQUEST: \$3 Billion**

Trump wants Congress to spend **billions** more on expanding and accelerating his hate-fueled deportation machine.

Tell your Member of Congress:

# NOT ONE PENNY MORE FOR TRUMP'S MASS DEPORTATION REGIME

NO BOOTS



No to more immigration agents creating fear in our communities and tearing families apart.

NO BEDS



No to more beds in jails fueling the private prison industry and exposing people to abuse and neglect.

NO WALLS



No to building a symbol of hate and exclusion that militarizes our country.

#NoBootsNoBedsNoWall

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### **FISCAL YEAR 2017**

### **FY 17 BUDGET**

x Trump DHS Increase REQUEST: \$3 billion

# FINAL DHS Funding FY17 \$1.5 Billion INCREASE:

- \$772 million for Border Security
  - \$341.2 Billion Border Fencing (no wall)
- √ 39,324 Detention Beds for FY17, a 5,324 bed increase over the FY2016 enacted level
- End of Detention Bed Quota
- ✓ No Funding to Hire new CBP/ICE Agents

# **FY 2018: #HANDSOFF!**

- President Trump Budget = Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - ✓ Devastating cuts anticipated to means-tested benefits
  - ✓ Border wall funding

#### **TELL CONGRESS**

**#HANDSOFF Cuts to Fund Trump's Deportation Machine!** 

#HandsOff our basic living standards in our budget!

**#HandsOff** Medicaid in the budget!

**#HandsOff** meals for seniors!

#HandsOff Social Security

**#HandsOff** Pell Grants!

### #NoBootsNoBedsNoWall

# DIVEST/INVEST CAMPAIGN

### **THE REAL CRIME: EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

- Travel ban targeting Muslim immigrants
- Expansion of who is criminal
- Criminalized supporting undocumented immigrants

### THE REAL CRIME: BUDGET PROPOSAL

- Massive resources marshalled for the national deportation machine
- Increased military spending
- Smaller budgets for social programs



#### **Increase Funding**

- •Immigrant Removal Proceedings \$3 billion Increase
- Defense Spending \$52
   Billion Increase

### **Budget Cuts**

- •Education Department \$9.2 Billion Cut
- Housing and Urban
   Development \$6 Billion
   Cut
- •50 programs and 3,200 jobs at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Department of Justice \$1 Billion Cut

#### Eliminate

- •Economic Development Administration
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- Senior Community Service Employment Program
- International climatechange programs
- Funding for several new transit projects around the nation
- National Endowment for the Art
- National Endowment for Humanities
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- •Corporation for Public Broadcasting



# PART II: THE LOCAL STORY

### **NEW YORK CITY**

Massive expansion of police forces has led to major cuts in social spending and attacks on immigrants.

# **#SWIPEITFORWARD**



# **TOOLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**BAJI Executive Memo Analysis:** blackalliance.org/blog\_memorandum-potential-impact-of-recent-executive-orders-on-black-immigrants-refugees/

Follow the Money: blackalliance.org/brantuo\_followthemoney/

**#SwipeltForward**: blackalliance.org/blog\_jean\_keeping-immigrants-safe-by-ending-broken-windows/

State of Black Immigrants: stateofblackimmigrants.com

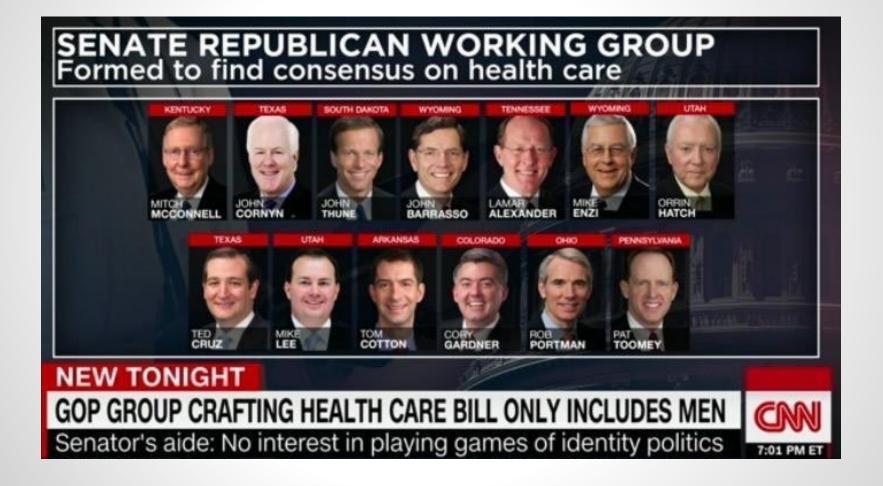
# HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

# THE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT

- After a few tries, Speaker Ryan got the AHCA passed (now extra bad!) through the House
- Would eventually end Obamacare tax credits, and replace with a new tax credit available ONLY to qualified immigrants (the Medicaid standard)
- Cuts to Planned
   Parenthood and public
   health programs would
   affect immigrant
   households
- End Medicaid as we know it



# SENATE NEGOTIATIONS



# COMPLICATIONS IN THE SENATE

- Senate
   parliamentarian
   might block
   parts of AHCA
- CBO score required before Senate can vote
- Senate Republican opposition based on PP, not conservative enough, Medicaid **Expansion**

# **CONTINUE MOBILIZING**

- ☐ Alert communities about the dangers in this bill
- Connect with allies to align advocacy & make sure immigrant perspective is represented
- □ Connect with your allies in Congress, state houses, and local government to let them know about the values you want to see in health programs
- □ #Resist



# HR 1671: "VERIFY FIRST ACT"

- Introduced in March by Rep. Barletta (PA), possibly getting a mark-up in the House Ways & Means Committee
- Requires a Social Security number to get Obamacare tax credits (help paying monthly premiums)
  - Cannot use a type of SSN one can get solely for enrollment in a benefit program—must get an employment authorization
- Justification is unfounded claims of "fraud"
- Would completely exclude some (students ineligble for work, non-work eligible spouses/dependents of work visa holders)
- Many immigrants (except LPRs, refugees, aylees) would have to apply for an EAD first (cost \$400+, plus delay), even if too old or young to work, or unable based on a disability

# LITIGATION

# MUSLIM & REFUGEE BAN 2.0

### What's Been Blocked by the Courts

- Travel Ban
  - Provision barring nationals from Iran, Libya, Somalia,
     Sudan, Syria, and Yemen from obtaining visas for 90 days
- Refugee Provisions
  - Halt on Refugee Program for 120 days
  - Slashing of refugee admissions numbers for the fiscal year from 110,000 to 50,000
  - Note that these provisions were in the original Executive Order, but were blocked for the first time on March 15<sup>th</sup>



# MUSLIM & REFUGEE BAN 2.0—CURRENT LITIGATION HIGHLIGHTS

#### The Fourth and Ninth Circuit appeals:

### IRAP v. Trump

Argument on appeal, 5/8 in Richmond, Virginia

#### Hawaii v. Trump

Argument on appeal, 5/15 in Seattle, Washington

#### Other Notable litigation:

# Pars Equality Center v. Trump/ Universal Muslim Association of America v. Trump

 On May 11, D.C. District Court issued order agreeing that plaintiffs were likely to succeed w/r/t their arguments that Sections 2 and 6 violated their rights, but declined to issue new injunction given the existing injunctions in IRAP v. Trump and Hawaii v. Trump.

# LEGAL ACTIONS PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF DACA RECIPIENTS

# **MONTES V. USCBP**

- In mid February, Juan Manuel Montes Bojorquez was physically deported despite having permission to live and work in the U.S. under DACA.
- On April 18, NILC filed a federal lawsuit demanding that the federal government turn over key information about his sudden deportation.
- Subsequently, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued contradictory statements about how and why Juan Manuel was deported.
- DHS's contradictory statements highlight the need to get the information sought in this lawsuit to shine light on DHS's practices.

# **VARGAS V. KELLY**

- On March 7, NILC and other civil rights groups brought legal action to stop the deportation of Daniela Vargas, a DACA recipient who was detained by immigration agents immediately after she spoke at a March 1 press conference protesting recent ICE raids in Mississippi.
- Daniela spoke of her hope that she and other Dreamers could remain in and contribute to this country.
- Daniela has been released, but NILC continues legal case to ensure her rights are protected.

Q&A

# **QUESTIONS?**

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