

Dear <NAME>,

Welcome! Bridges Faith Initiative is already busy with a full agenda of advancing just immigration policy and promoting civilian safety. During our spring festivals, we are buoyed by the sense of hope of renewal and commit to the liberation of all people. Our traditions urge us to advocate for those at the border now when their needs are critical and this administration is assessing better practices and greater assistance. Please consider supporting us with a donation and/or by subscribing to our newsletter to be a part of this growing multifaith community. Your participation will strengthen our ability to be effective in D.C. and beyond.

Our achievements so far!

In this short space of four months have been able to work on legislative and administrative wins.

In immigration, we were able to push for the successful passage of the bipartisan Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act through the House. If passed into law these two bills alone will provide citizenship to 4 million undocumented people who have proven essential to our nation, especially during this pandemic. In all our work, we center immigrants and the affected communities. We would not have been able to achieve this milestone unless for the immigrant youth who pushed forward always believing in the American Dream even though all around them was despair in the past four years.

All the immigrant women who were detained at Irwin County Detention Center, close to Atlanta Georgia have been released.

What we are working on

1) Ending Title 42 and the expelling of asylum seekers at the border

The Biden administration has kept in place Trump's Title 42 policy which has been used to expel people back to the countries they fled without access to asylum, particularly targeting Black migrant. This policy is separating families and causing death and chaos at the border. We are continuing to pressure the administration and the congress to end this terrible policy. You can <u>take action here</u>. If you want to volunteer with the community centers that support immigrants at the Texas border please contact <u>ronnate@bridgesfaithinitiative.org</u>

2) Civilian security through voting rights.

Democracy is the best protection for civilian security. Because democracy is about majority rule we also must ensure that democracy does not push forward racism and work to end racist structures that perpetuate democracy for the few. Our focus is on passing the Voting Rights Bill (S. 1) in the Senate.

3) Support accountability and work of civil society to prevent the recurrence of mass atrocities in Burma and Sri Lanka.

The coup in Burma has seen terrible bloodshed of civilians. We are working with local groups to support civilian groups to keep democracy alive and pushing for sanctions on Burmese generals and military owned businesses.

We are just getting started. With your amplification of our work, we can make a difference in these areas and expand our reach.

Your generous donation will assure that progressive faith voices are known in Congress.

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Rabbi Joshua Lesser and the BFI Team

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