

POLICY & ADVOCACY

WORKGROUP

Summer/September 2023 Updates



Federal

NEW

TPS Expands for Venezuela & Afghanistan

What is TPS?

- On September 20, the Biden administration announced the extension and redesignation of TPS for Venezuela for 18 months, allowing nearly 500,000 more Venezuelans to apply for work authorization and protection from deportation.
- The next day, the same decision was made for Afghanistan. Nearly 15,000 Afghans may be eligible under the redesignation.



16 countries are designated for TPS.*



600,000+ foreign nationals are protected by TPS as of March 2023.*

94.6%

National employment rate by TPS holders, 2021.

\$1.3B

Federal taxes paid by TPS holders, 2021.

\$8B

Spending power of TPS holders, 2021.

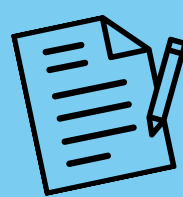
*Source: [Congressional Review Service, July 2023](#)

**Source: [American Immigration Council, September 2023](#)

Asylum Updates

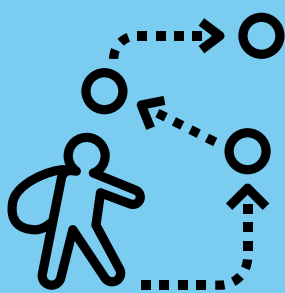
THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY

In March 2023, our workgroup submitted a [CIMH sign-on letter](#) in opposition to the "Circumvention of Lawful Pathways" proposed rule, also known as the 'transit ban'.



On July 25th, a U.S. District Court Judge ruled that the ban "substantively and procedurally invalid." However, a federal appeals court has allowed the policy to continue, for now.

TODAY'S BORDER RULES: Migrants trying to cross the border can...



1

Seek humanitarian parole
Few nationalities qualify.
Venezuela, Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua

2

Get an appointment w/CBP One
A glitchy app w/few slots available.
1,450 slots per day

3

Cross without authorization
More restrictions and consequences, like expedited removal.

'Transit ban'

Source: [The New York Times' Who Gets In?](#)



[Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act \(HR 1325\)](#): The bill would shorten the 180-day waiting period for asylum-based work permits down to 30 days. This bill differs from the Senate version in that it does not require asylum seekers to enter the U.S. through official ports of entry.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

On Wednesday, September 13, 2023, Judge Hanen declared the Biden DACA program unlawful but has allowed it to continue.

Current DACA recipients can renew their DACA and Advance Parole; however, the program is closed to new applicants.

**Renew your
DACA now!**

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[American Dream and Promise Act \(HR 16\)](#): The bill remains unchanged from its previous version. See our CIMH website archives for more information on the original bill's protections for DACA, TPS and DED holders and pathways toward citizenship.

State/Local

Chicago: New Arrivals Update

- According to the City of Chicago's last update, approximately **13,500 asylum-seekers** have arrived since last August.
- August 31st marked the one-year anniversary of the first Texas bus.
- Earlier this month, the Johnson administration announced a plan to move nearly 1,600 asylum-seekers out of police stations and into "winterized base camps" equipped with massive tents.

[CITY COUNCIL DATA](#)

Opportunities to Support New Arrivals

You can now purchase urgently needed items for our new neighbors directly from Amazon Wish List set up by Instituto del Progreso Latino. You can find the Wish List by visiting [InstitutoChicago.org](https://www.institutochicago.org).

For a complete list and how to donate visit [Chicago.gov/Support](https://www.chicago.gov/Support).



ONLY NEW ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.



[WELCOMETOIL.ORG](https://www.welcometoil.org)

To receive up to date on information on new arrivals and how you can support them, consider joining the [Welcome to IL coalition](#). Email Nina for more information at nsedeno@latinopolicyforum.org.

Advocacy Opportunity: Here to Work Campaign



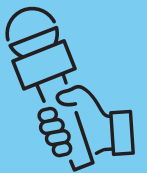
HERE TO
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The American Business Immigration Coalition (ABIC) Action, IL Governor Pritzker, Chicago Mayor Johnson, members of the IL Congressional delegation, and leaders of the business/immigrant community are calling on President Biden to expand work authorization through parole to new migrants and long-term undocumented immigrants. Interested in joining the campaign? Email Ere Rendon at erendon@resurrectionproject.org



Read the legal memo [here](#).

Read more about the campaign's recent press conference [here](#).



Want more information? See more detailed notes [here](#).
Visit the CIMH website for past updates.

Join us for our next meeting on the 2nd Thursday of
October from 10-11 AM CST.



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