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Navigating Immigration: Community, Leadership, and Advocacy

Welcome!





AGENDA



- **Welcome**
- **NETWORK's Summer of Advocacy**
- **Work in "the field"**
- **Immigration Policy Panel**
- **Call to Action**
- **Q&A**
- **Final Panel**

Prayer for Migrant Families



Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families.

We are grateful for all the joy and love they bring into our lives, and we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who face hardships as they move in search of a better life.

Show mercy to those who travel in danger and lead them to a place of safety and peace.

Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have been torn apart by violence and injustice.

As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families.

Prayer for Migrant Families



Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and St. Joseph the Worker, we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek.

Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge.

Give us the courage to welcome every person as Christ in our midst.

Amen.

[Pilgrims on the Way of Hope: A Resource for the Jubilee of Migrants]



OUR PRESENTERS: Introduction



Laurie Carafone
Executive Director, NETWORK Lobby

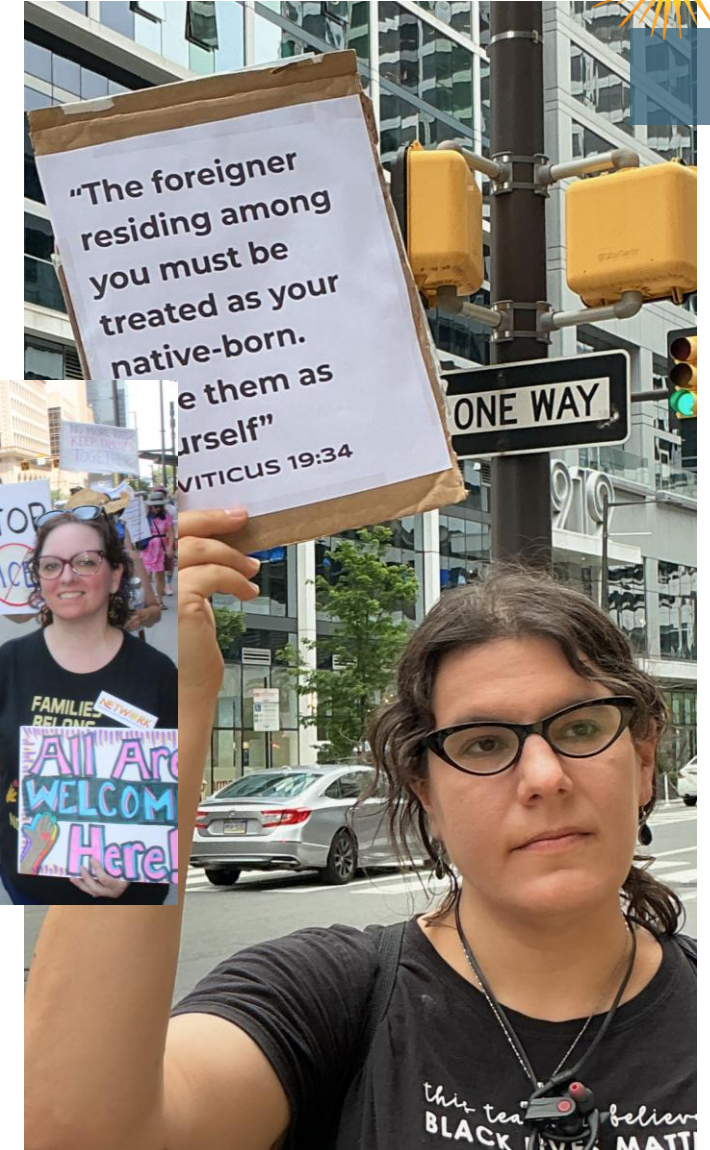


Sr. Eilis McCulloh, HM
NETWORK Lobby

NETWORK's Summer of Advocacy

- Across the country, you lined the streets proclaiming, "All are Welcome!"
- You hosted prayer vigils, rallies, and zine folding parties
- You shared calls to action and supported each other

Friends, this is long haul work and we must do it together.





OUR PRESENTERS: Grassroots



Alejandra Escobar

Escucha Mi Voz Iowa



Jesús de la Torre

Hope Border Institute

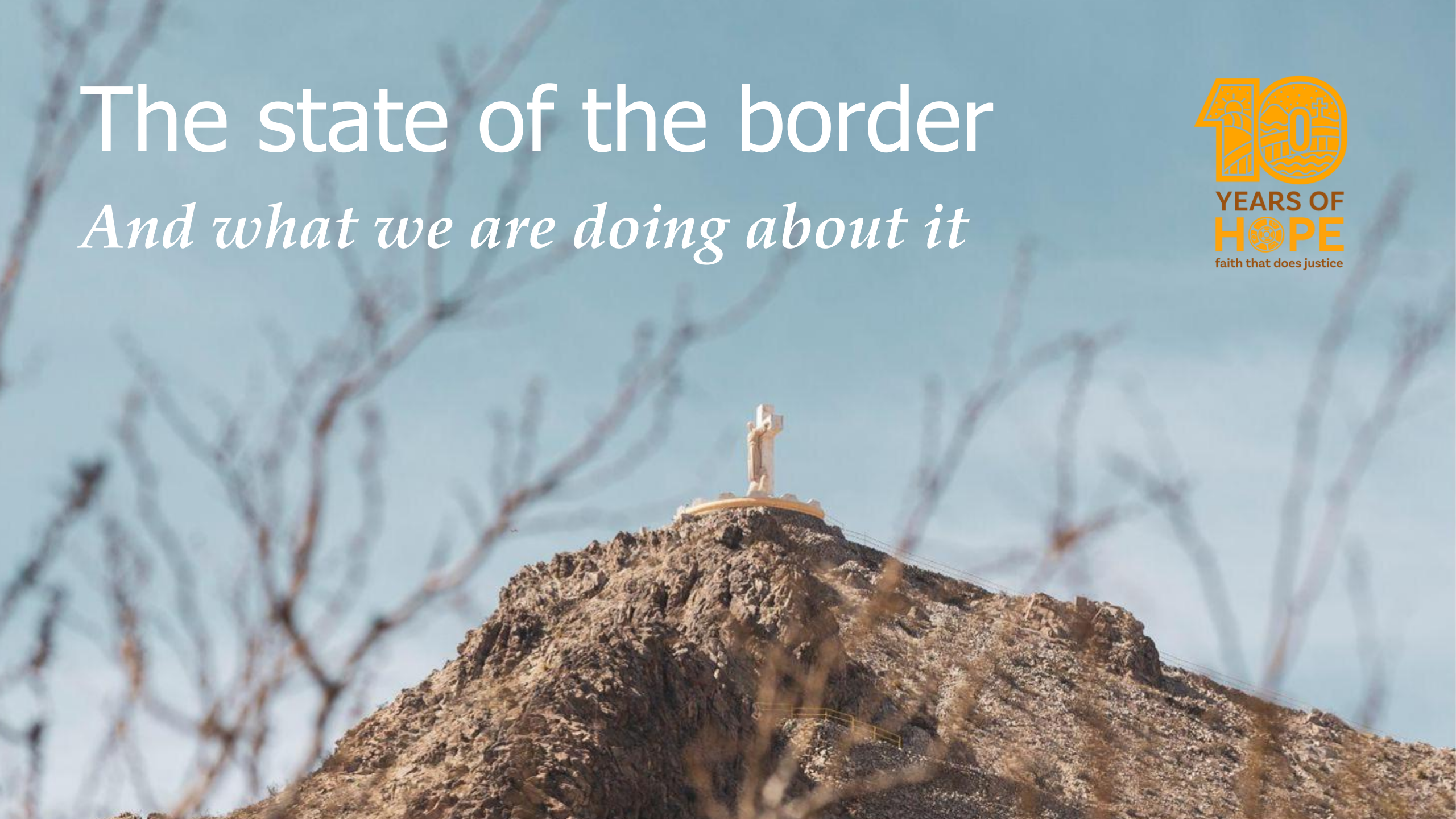


Chris Koehler

Immigrant & Refugee Ministry,
Archdiocese of Seattle

The state of the border

And what we are doing about it



Border encounters plummeted as asylum restrictions tightened

Total encounters at the U.S.-Mexico border at and between ports of entry (January 2024 - July 2025)

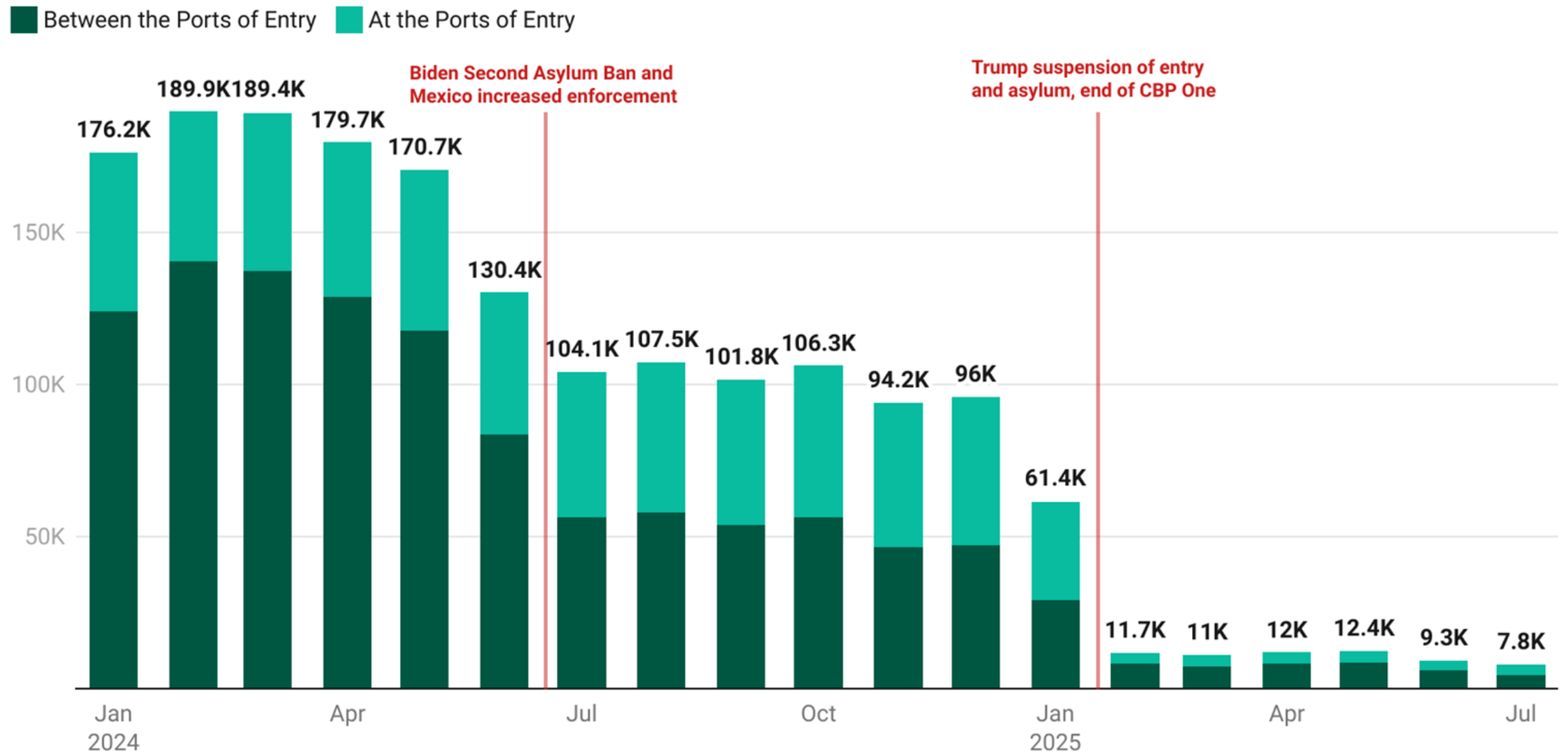


Chart: Hope Border Institute (September 2025) • Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection's "Nationwide Encounters" Dataset via Adam Isacson • Created with Datawrapper

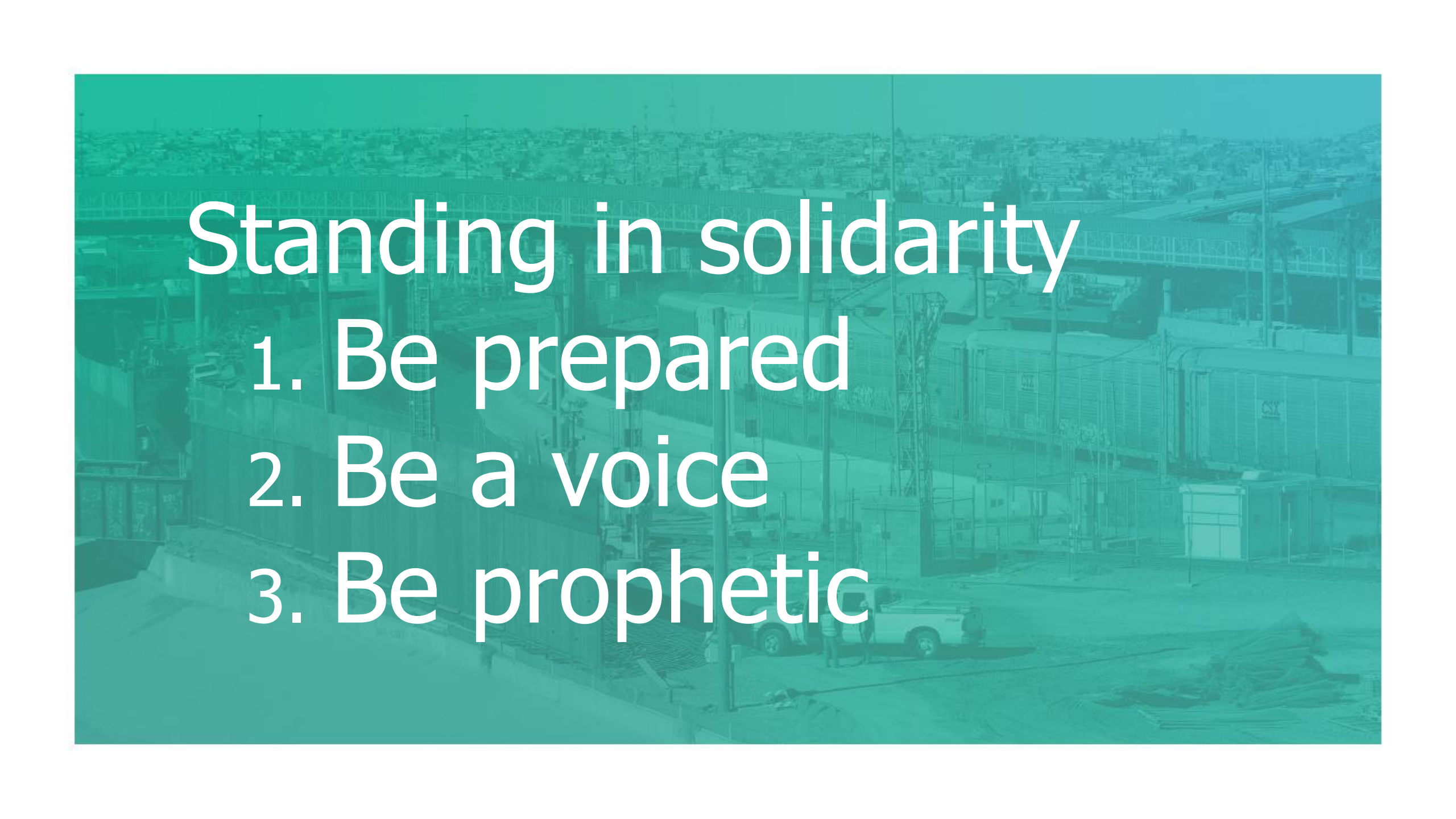






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Standing in solidarity

1. Be prepared
2. Be a voice
3. Be prophetic

Train people about their
constitutional rights

Prepare, distribute and train
faith-based institutions on
[protocols](#) after the end of
the **sensitive locations**
policy



Advocate with faith leaders to:

1. Expand access to **pastoral care for migrants in detention**
2. **Limit local law enforcement cooperation** with immigration enforcement
3. **Accurately count migrant deaths**, with the goal of ending more deaths at our borders



Mobilize our faith community to **be a prophetic voice for justice**



Delivered **humanitarian aid** for stranded families and rallied **medical volunteers** to support vulnerable people in El Paso

Documented the abuses resulting from these cruel policies and elevated migrant voices before the **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights**



CRUSHED DREAMS:

The First Impacts of the Trump Administration on Migrants



FRONTERA DISPATCH



Hope Border Institute | Aimée Santillán | Jesús de la Torre



OUR PRESENTERS: Policy



Ashley Feasley
Catholic University



Giovana Oaxaca
NETWORK Lobby



Immigration Policy Impacts and Updates

Ashley Feasley

History of Sensitive Locations/Protected Areas

- 2011- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director Morton issues policy on preventing enforcement in “sensitive locations” (houses of worship, schools and hospitals) absent exigent circumstances
- 2014- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issues a similar policy for 100 mile border zone
- 2021- Biden Administration issues a DHS-wide policy and broadens the locations that apply; renames it “Protected Areas”
- 2025- Trump Administration rescinds Protected Areas policy and issues general guidelines without any specifics on conduct for enforcement in such areas

Safe Spaces and Key Elements of SAFE SPACE POLICY

- Which staff members are authorized to speak with an agent of authority (e.g., a police officer, licensing representative, etc.)
- Collecting, storing, and releasing private information about parents, children, and staff
- Communicating urgent information to staff and parents
- How authorized staff and parents are able to access the facility
- Expectations for visitors
- Which areas to explicitly mark as “private”
- Establishing emergency contacts

What's Next? What Can **YOU** Do?

- **SAFE SPACE POLICY** -If you don't have a space Spaces policy- consider drafting one. Or reviewing and updating existing document.
- **ACCOMPANY and DOCUMENT**- Accompany individuals to houses of worship, hospitals, clinics, schools, food pantries and document if and when incidences occur.
- **JOIN**- Join the CLASP Protected Areas Working Group.
- **ADVOCATE at NATIONAL LEVEL**- Urge lawmakers to sign Protecting Sensitive Locations Act in Senate S.455 and the House HR 1061
- **ADVOCATE at STATE LEVEL**-Consider engaging state leaders to enact protected areas/sensitive locations legislation at the state and local level.

Funding for Enforcement: H.R. 1 and Impacts

- Provides \$170.7 billion in additional funding for immigration enforcement-related activities to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its sub-agencies, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) as well as for the Department of Defense (DOD) for activities related to the military's presence along parts of the southern border.
- The biggest element of immigration-enforcement related funding in H.R. 1 is \$75 billion to ICE over four years, (roughly \$18.5 billion/year) to arrest, detain, and deport immigrants.
- This funding will create a large expansion in the number of immigrant detention facilities nationally as well as a goal of an increase of over 10,000 ICE officers.
- A recent CBO report estimates that H.R. 1 will result in the removal and voluntary out-migration of more than 300,000 immigrants between 2026 and 2030

<https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/2025-09/61390-demographic-update.pdf>

What Does This Funding Mean? What Can You Do?

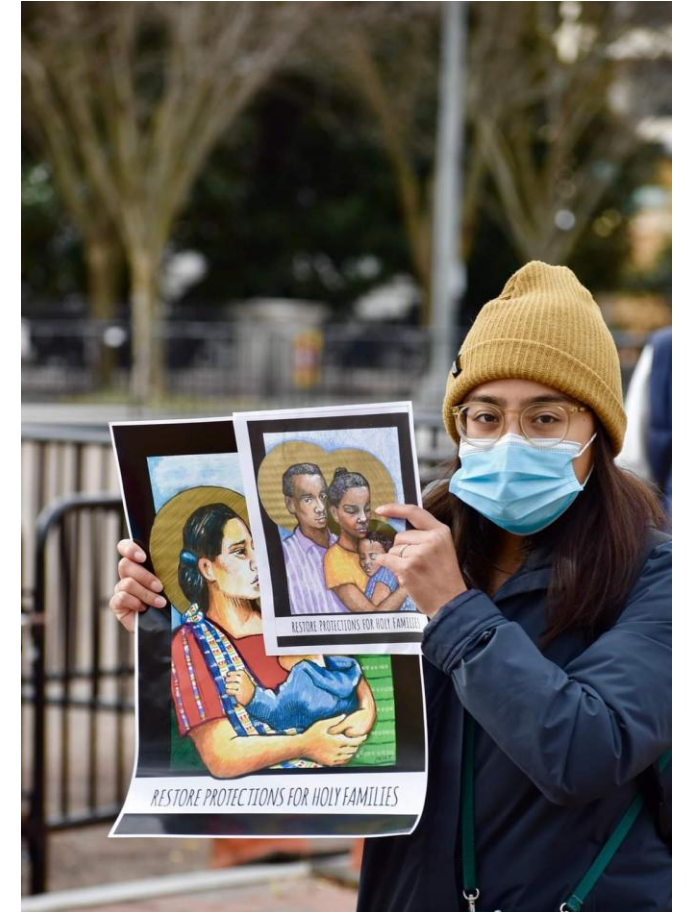
- Family Impacts: An estimated 18.4 million children under age 18—or about 1 in 4 children nationwide – have one or more parents who were born outside of the U.S.; among them, 6.3 million live in households where neither parent is a U.S. citizen.
- Multi-Generational Enforcement: Detention facilities and levels of detention that have not been witnessed in the United States.
- Costs to U.S. Taxpayers: Over \$170 billion dollars- (This is 2.5X the cost of ENTIRE DHS budget in 2024.)
- **WHAT CAN YOU DO**: Demand oversight from Congress. Demand accountability on how that money is spent and what it looks like.

Family Separation 2.0: More Complex Just As Harmful

- No known policy documents at this time; No “Zero Tolerance” Memo
- Not at the border -- in the U.S. interior
- Parents removed without their children or access to their children/planning while they are in detention
- Can be related to a child’s Unaccompanied Children (UC) status

Brief Refresher on H.R.1

- **H.R.1 is a generational threat to families. This law:**
 - Expands the federal government's detention and mass deportation apparatus.
 - Raises the cost of maintaining lawful status and it
 - Eliminates access to vital services for refugees, asylum seekers and certain other immigrants with lawful status.
- Honoring **Ayman, Xotchil, Ximena, Marcelo, Narciso, Yeon-soo...**



Appropriations Opportunities

- The accounts that are most central are Homeland Security (HS), Labor-Health and Human Services (LHHS-ED), Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS), and State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS).
- Use our upcoming **ACTION ALERT** to urge your Senator and House Representatives to:
 - **Significantly reduce funding for extreme enforcement and detention** contracts and include basic guardrails protecting the most vulnerable in custody, including children.
 - **Include essential and historically bipartisan legal orientation programs**, which help ensure that people in deportation proceedings can exercise their due process rights.
 - **Restore investments in refugee processing and resettlement**, cementing the U.S. as a welcoming country for those fleeing persecution.



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Legislative Landscape - Context

Recent Trend in Public Support for Immigration Proposals

Please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose each of the following proposals.

% Strongly favor/Favor

	2024	2025	Change
	%	%	(pct. pts.)
Allowing immigrants, who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children, the chance to become U.S. citizens if they meet certain requirements over a period of time	81	85	4
Allowing immigrants living in the U.S. illegally the chance to become U.S. citizens if they meet certain requirements over a period of time	70	78	8
Hiring significantly more Border Patrol agents	76	59	-17
Denying alleged gang members living in the U.S. illegally the ability to challenge their deportation in court	*	50	n/a
Significantly expanding the construction of walls along the U.S.-Mexico border	53	45	-8
Deporting all immigrants who are living in the United States illegally back to their home country	47	38	-9

* Item not included in 2024

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78% of Americans support a path to U.S. citizenship, according to Gallup polling.

Considerations:

- About **1.2 million** undocumented spouses are married to U.S. citizens.
- **5.5 million** U.S.-born children live in households with at least one undocumented resident.
- The U.S. **agricultural workforce fell by 7%** between March and July according to Bureau of Labor Statistics.

	"Dignity Act" H.R.4393	American Families United Act, H.R.2366	Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2025 H.R.3227	American Dream and Promise Act of 2025 H.R. 1589	"Registry Act" H.R.4696	Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act H.R. 4959
Path to Lawful Status	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Changes to Asylum	✓					
Enforcement/ Border Security	✓					
Workforce Issues	✓		✓			✓
Other	✓		✓			



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Path to Lawful Status	7-year conditional work auth; leads to long-term status. "Dream Act" American Families United Act	Provide DHS and the Attorney General with additional discretion	Conditional temporary Certified Ag Worker status with path to permanent lawful status	Conditional path to citizenship for Dreamers & Lawful permanent status for TPS/DED	Create a new rolling cut-off date for eligibility for lawful permanent status, conditional on 7 years of residency	
Changes to Asylum	New humanitarian campuses, expedites and streamlines asylum process					
Enforcement/ Border Security	Increases enforcement and border infrastructure funding Increases reentry penalties E-verify					
Workforce Issues	Does not count spouses and children in high-skilled worker visa caps		Increases and reallocates H2-A worker visas Caps wages E-Verify			Temporary "H2-C" non-agricultural 36-mo. work visa, renewable up to 9 years
Other	In country processing		Improves farmworker housing			



	"Path Forward To Secure Our Borders And Reform Our Immigration System"	"Bipartisan Effort to Address Border Security and Immigration"	"Securing the Border and Fueling Economic Prosperity"	A New Immigration System to Safeguard America's Security, Expand Economic Growth, and Make Us Stronger	Border Act of 2024 S. 4361
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Changes to Asylum	Streamline asylum adjudication	Fix the asylum system	New expedite asylum processing at the border Enhance asylum adjudication		New expulsion authority & Expedite asylum processing
Enforcement/ Border Security	Increases enforcement and border infrastructure funding	Secure the border	Increases enforcement, border and migrant processing infrastructure funding	Increases enforcement and border infrastructure funding	Increases enforcement and border security funding
Workforce Issues	E-verify Reform H2-A Expand and create new work visas, pegged to US stats End per-country caps	Increases and reallocates H2-A worker visas Caps wages E-Verify	Increase work visas Reform per-country caps E-Verify	Increases and reallocates work visas; Offers a path to permanent residency	Increases employment-based visas
Other	Incentivizes legal immigration, entrepreneurschip Addresses economic drivers of migration	Increases and reallocates H2-A worker visas Caps wages E-Verify	Strengthen refugee resettlement New Tribal border crossing visa Boosts intl aid; engagement	Strengthens refugee resettlement and integration Creates crime victim pathway	Maintains humanitarian protections

Presumption of ineligibility from "functioning" democracies
Raise legal standard
New expedite asylum processing at the border
Enhance asylum adjudication





Take Action with NETWORK

- **Spread the Word**
 - Justice for Immigrants, Vigil Toolkit
 - CLINIC's Rapid Response Toolkit
- **Contact Your Member of Congress**
 - NETWORK's Action Alert will be sent out this week!
- **Join *One Church, One Family: Catholic Public Witness for Immigrants***
 - October 22 and November 13
- **Bring others along with you**
 - Invite your community to take action!





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- A **\$50+ gift** grants you an annual membership (\$20 if senior, student, or limited income)
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A group photo of several people, including men and women of various ages, smiling and posing together. Some are wearing Network Lobby pins. The photo is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

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