



National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Fair, Just, Humane Immigration Reform

The National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights supports:

A legalization program that offers a path to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants, including access for those who have long remained in various forms of temporary status. This path should be inclusive, fair, and safe, without obstacles, undue burdens and lengthy waiting periods.

At the same time, a speedy resolution to the backlog of pending family visas. The present immigration program should be updated, broadened and infused with sufficient resources to provide greater opportunities for family-based immigration – a cornerstone of our immigration policy.

Access to health services and insurance, education, nutrition assistance, and working family tax credits for all immigrants, including those along the path to citizenship.

Restoration and preservation of due process rights, to ensure equality before the law for all persons, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

An end to mass deportation programs such as the Criminal Alien Program, Secure Communities and 287 (g), as well as fast-track deportations and mandatory detention. Criminal prosecutions for immigration-related conduct such as unlawful entry, driving without a license, or “identity theft” should also be ended.

The rollback of border enforcement policies and programs that have created a militarized

environment, human rights violations of citizens and non-citizens and an escalation of migrant deaths, particularly along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Access to full labor protections, regardless of immigration or citizenship status. We support an end to employment verification programs that undermine worker rights and increase employment vulnerability. Immigrants with employment visas should have job portability, rights equal to U.S. workers, and opportunities for permanent residency.

We further urge that U.S. international trade, economic, environmental and other foreign policies support human rights, sustainable development programs and fair trade policies to contribute to building viable and healthy economies and communities abroad.

With the potential of life-enhancing immigration reform underway, we urge a suspension of detentions and deportations to provide the strongest opportunities for immigrant participation, inclusion and family unity.

NNIRR has endorsed **10 Principles for Ensuring Fair and Humane Immigration Policy** drafted by the Reform Enforcement Caucus.