

President Suspends Entry of Immigrants



On Wednesday, April 22, President Trump signed a new executive order banning many immigrants from entering the United States and prolonging family separation for at least the next 60 days. This seems to many immigrant advocates to be a blatant attempt to use the current public health and economic crises to accomplish this administration's anti-immigrant agenda.

The president's [*Proclamation Suspending Entry of Immigrants Who Present Risk to the US. Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the COVID-19 Outbreak*](#) will prevent individuals seeking to obtain a green card from entering the United States under the rationale that the US economy is in dire straits and the only way to protect it is to prevent new immigrants from arriving. In fact, the proclamation targets family-based immigration and constitutes a new form of family separation. The order bans nearly all parents and adult children of US citizens and spouses and children of green card holders from being reunited with their families while doing nothing to protect public health or US jobs. It will simply cause the unnecessary suffering of families who have been waiting for years to be reunited with their loved ones.

Please Contact your Members of Congress and ask them to do all they can to reverse the harm to families and to our national values.

Sample Text: As your constituent from [CITY/TOWN], and as a Catholic sister, I urge you to reject President Trump's anti-family and anti-immigrant executive order of April 22. My faith and our national values call us to protect families and welcome immigrants. This proclamation threatens both.

Now more than ever, our values must guide our actions. The COVID-19 pandemic calls for unity to save lives and to save families. We need to protect one another, support one another, and love one another. This is the moral challenge of these times.

Millions of our immigrant neighbors are on the front lines confronting this pandemic as hospital workers, harvesting our food, delivering our groceries, and caring for our loved ones. They are risking their lives for us. We need to stand with them.

I urge you and your colleagues in Congress to do everything in your power to see that the administration reverses this executive order. My community welcomes immigrants, and I invite you to reflect the best of our nation by supporting family unity and our immigrant neighbors.