

Global Refuge Policy Asks and Messaging Guidance

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In recent months, the world of immigration and refugee resettlement has undergone unprecedented changes at the administrative and legislative level. After their August recess, members of Congress have returned to Washington, D.C. to take critical votes including to fund the government. The time to advocate for moral funding and legislation is now!

[Click here](#) to access Global Refuge's Action Center and advocate with one of our action alerts. To find out who your Members of Congress are and how to contact them, [click here](#), and input your full street address in the right column that says "Contact Your Member". To call your Member's office and speak with a staff member or leave a voicemail, call (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to your Member's office.

Policy Asks

As members of Congress return to Washington, D.C. to legislate:

1. Urge your Members of Congress to support robust funding levels during the fiscal year 2026 appropriations process for accounts that fund refugee protection around the world, support programs in the United States that integrate resettled refugees, and build a more functional immigration system.
2. Urge your Members of Congress to support the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act in the [House](#) and [Senate](#).
3. Urge your Members of Congress to support the [Enduring Welcome Act](#) and [Afghan Adjustment Act](#) in the House and the [Fulfilling Promises to Afghan Allies Act](#) in the Senate. In parallel, they should support the authorization of additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Program.
4. Urge your Members of Congress to support the [American Dream and Promise Act](#).

Messaging Guidance

- A budget is a moral statement of priorities, and the appropriations process represents Congress' unique opportunity to illustrate what programs and people are most important. Rooted in our Lutheran faith, we urge Congress to robustly fund the



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programs and accounts that support displaced individuals internationally, refugees in the United States, and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- In particular, mid- to long-term integration support through the **Refugee and Entrant Assistance (REA) account** in the Labor-Health and Human Services appropriations bill is critical for continued case management, employability training, English language classes, and more for refugees and others.
- For years, places of worship have been protected from disruptive immigration enforcement actions by Department of Homeland Security guidance that prevented enforcement actions from occurring in or around certain sensitive locations. Maintaining these protections for locations like places of worship, healthcare facilities, schools, and homeless shelters protects all community members and ensures uninterrupted access to services essential to daily life.
- The 2021 United States withdrawal from Afghanistan left countless Afghans who supported the American military intervention stranded and in peril. Since Kabul fell to the Taliban, [hundreds of thousands of Afghans](#) have found safety and started new lives in the United States. However, many of them are forced to navigate backlogs and complicated bureaucracy as they pursue permanent residency status. To honor the promise made to our Afghan allies, Congress can take specific steps to support protections and pathways for at-risk Afghans.
- Dreamers (or DACA recipients) were brought to the United States as children, of no fault of their own, and have only known life in this country. They have become treasured community members, gone to school, and built their lives here. Similarly, Temporary Protected Status holders make up the social fabric of our cities and towns and make meaningful contributions to their communities. Often, they have been in the United States for decades. A pathway to citizenship for these groups is not only a recognition of their contributions in the United States, but ensures that the American dream remains within reach for all those who seek it.