

Stand by Immigrants: News, Resources, and Actions - Week Ending August 8, 2026



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Know Your Rights: You can't protect your rights unless you know what they are. Here's a [2-page handout](#) prepared by OCSI. If you want a comprehensive resource library of KYR information, updated for 2026, Austin Kocher provides one [here](#).

Previous issues of this newsletter are archived [here](#).

OCSI Corner

Do you need a speaker on immigration of “know your rights” for your local church, synagogue, or community group? Contact us at the email below. We can help!

Steven Volk, “How Many Times Can a Man Turn His Head?” (*Cleveland Plain Dealer*, August 2, 2026): How could the Supreme Court not see the explicit racism of ending TPS for Haitians?

ACTION ITEMS

OHIO IS HOME
SHOW SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY

HATE HAS NO PLACE IN OHIO

Our Haitian communities have been delivered a nightmare decision by the Supreme Court, forcing them into inhumane and impossible decisions.

Urgent Donations Needed:

- Applesauce
- Bagged beans (black or pinto beans, 1-5 pounds bags)
- Lentils (1-5 pound bags)
- Bagged rice (brown or white, 1-5 pound bags depending on availability)
- Boxed cereal
- Boxed mac and cheese
- Boxed ramen
- Boxed spaghetti
- Canned corn, green beans, peaches, pears, peas
- Canned potatoes
- Canned ravioli and beef-a-roni
- Canned spaghetti sauce (metal jars)
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Shelf-stable milk (Parmalat whole, 2%, or Lactose Free and Lala 2% or whole, but also plain unsweetened almond milk)
- Toilet paper
- 1-gallon plastic zip bags
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Toiletries

*Please no glass due to safety concerns.

Ways to Help:

- Help Build an Emergency Fund: haitiansupportcenter.org
- Support the Legal Fight: ablelaw.org
- St. Vincents Springfield: svdpspfid.org
- Call Husted and Moreno to Support HR 1689: 5calls.org

Drop off Donations at:

- Saint Vincent de Paul
2415 E. High St.
Springfield, Ohio
- For donations to the Haitian Support Center
Second Harvest Food Bank
20 N. Murray St.
Springfield, Ohio

Since Trump took office, ICE has shot and killed 11 people. At least 52 people have died in ICE detention. And you can draw a direct line from this violence to the billions Congress and this administration are spending to supercharge ICE and CBP’s operations – flooding our streets with poorly trained agents in military gear operating as if they are above the law. Congress must rein in ICE and CBP immediately. And that starts with beginning to claw back the \$240 billion they

handed to the agencies over the past year. Tell Congress: [Stop ICE violence. Take back OUR money.](#)

PICK THREE (No time for all the reporting? Here are three important stories from the past week that you might have overlooked):

[Airlines Push Back against ICE Enforcement at Airports](#) (Wall Street Journal, August 5, 2026): Federal agents are using flight manifests to arrest travelers with lapsed visas, drawing objections over safety and protocol.

[26-Employee Texas Law Firm Gets \\$150M to Represent 24,000 Children in Immigration Court](#) (Politico, August 4, 2026): None of the Burke Law Group's lawyers list immigration law as an area of expertise, per the firm's website.

[University of Maryland 'Teacher of the Year' Detained by ICE in Texas](#) (Guardian, August 4, 2026): DHS said pharmacy instructor Berhanu Kibret overstayed visa and arrested him at Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A woman sings at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Takoma Park, Md., on July 28, 2026, during a Mass of solidarity with the Haitian community and those impacted by changes to U.S. immigration policy and Temporary Protected Status. Credit: OSV News photo/Mihoko Owada, Catholic Standard. ([Story here](#))

MORE ON ICE-CAUSED DEATHS

[Edwin Lopez-Cornejo Is the 23rd Person to Die in ICE Custody in 2026](#) (Austin Kocher Substack, August 3, 2026): Edwin Lopez-Cornejo died at Delaney Hall in Newark, six weeks into ICE custody. He is the 23rd person to die in ICE detention this year and the second at Delaney Hall since it reopened under Trump.

[Immigrant Held at Delaney Detention Center Has Died, Officials Say](#) (New York Times, August 3, 2026): Edwin Lopez-Cornejo, 41, a Salvadoran immigrant who was being held at a troubled federal detention center in Newark died during the weekend, federal officials confirmed Monday evening. Mr. Lopez-Cornejo had been in the United States for 20 years.

LOCAL AND OHIO NEWS

[Haitian Immigrants Report to Ohio ICE Office, Exit with Ankle Monitors](#) (Cincinnati.com, August 2, 2026): Several Haitian residents reported to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in suburban Cincinnati on Sunday, Aug. 2, and at least two people were given ankle monitors.

TPS ENDS FOR HAITIANS

[Hate and Racism toward Haitians in Ohio Is Mindless, Pathetic, and Weak](#) (Marilou Johanek, Ohio Capital Journal, August 5, 2026): From Springfield to Miami, humanity must trump cruelty.

[TPS for Haitians Officially Ends, Putting Thousands Out of Work and in Limbo](#) (Washington Post, August 5, 2026): A federal judge took the final step in allowing the Trump administration to terminate humanitarian protections for 350,000 Haitians in the United States.

RESISTING, PROTESTING, AND ORGANIZING FOR CHANGE

[Airlines Push Back against ICE Enforcement at Airports](#) (Wall Street Journal, August 5, 2026): Federal agents are using flight manifests to arrest travelers with lapsed visas, drawing objections over safety and protocol.

[She Protested ICE Raids. Then Agents Showed up at Her Door](#) (NPR, August 3, 2026): The government charged Treasure Thoreson and 14 others with engaging in a conspiracy to impede federal agents — a conspiracy it says culminated in the use of blockades outside the Whipple Federal Building, which served as ICE's headquarters during the immigration enforcement surge in Minnesota this past winter.

[Hundreds Show Support for Haitians Attending ICE Meetings in Cincinnati](#) (WVXU, August 2, 2026): “I came to bear witness to the great wrong that's being done to people who came here for a better life and had the rug pulled out from under them,” Bethany Rogers of Cincinnati told WVXU. “It doesn't make humanitarian sense. It doesn't make economic sense. It's purely for ideology.”

[Community Gathers in Overland \[Missouri\] to Honor Immigrant Couple Killed after Returning to Guatemala](#) (Fox2Now, August 2, 2026): The vigil, organized by the Missouri Workers Center and Fuerza, brought community members, educators and local leaders together to honor the couple’s lives and call attention to the dangers immigrants and asylum seekers face after being forced to return to their home countries.

[Hundreds Rally in Fishers \[Indiana\] to Support Immigrants and Oppose Nearby ‘Mass Deportation’ Event](#) (WFYI, August 1, 2026): "Just seeing like all this hatred towards, you know, migrants and you know, anyone else, and minorities, it's just good to be out here all together and just supporting everyone, no matter where they are," one resident said.

THE COURTS AND LEGAL ACTIONS

[Immigration Courts Were Never Independent. Why the President Is Testing the Limits](#) (Borderless, August 4, 2026): Immigration judges are Justice Department employees. The Trump administration is using that system to fire judges, set new priorities and reshape the court at an unprecedented scale.

[Judge Rules New York Can’t Ban Federal Agents from Wearing Face Coverings](#) (AP, August 3, 2026): The ruling comes after a federal judge earlier this year blocked a similar law in California that was enacted after the Trump administration aggressively worked to increase immigration arrests.

[Trump’s 75-Country Visa Freeze Is Unlawful, Judge Says](#) (Bloomberg Law, August 3, 2026): The public charge policy issued by Secretary of State Marco Rubio is an exercise of authority specifically denied by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act, Judge Amit Mehta held in a July 31 opinion.

ICE BUCKET

[ICE Threatens Sheriffs with Prosecution over Access to Inmates](#) (New York Times, August 5, 2026): In a new tactic, federal immigration officials recently started saying they would criminally charge the elected county sheriffs in Minneapolis and Chicago.

[Trump's Immigration Crackdown Has Detained More than 50 Military Spouses and Parents](#) (AP, August 5, 2026): President Donald Trump's administration has detained dozens of parents and spouses of active-duty U.S. troops as it rolls back immigration protections for military families to pursue its mass deportation agenda, an Associated Press investigation found.

[ICE, CoreCivic to Open Appleton \[Mn\] Immigrant Detention Center This Year](#) (Minnesota Reformer, August 4, 2026): ICE will pay private prison company CoreCivic more than half a billion dollars to reopen a defunct 1,600-bed prison in rural western Minnesota as an immigrant detention center.

[Trump DHS Chief under Fire from Conservatives after Immigration Speech Ignited Backlash](#) (Fox, August 2, 2026): Former Border Patrol Chief Gregory Bovino accused Mullin of undermining the administration's mass deportation agenda.

[ICE Is Trading Warehouses for Old Prisons](#) (The Marshall Project, August 1, 2026): Adapting to public pushback, the Trump administration is pivoting to expand immigration detention bedspace nationwide.

[Trump Administration Rules Out Mass Ice Enforcement at the Polls in Midterms](#) (Ohio Capital Journal, July 31, 2026): "ICE is not planning operations targeting polling locations," a DHS official said. "ICE conducts intelligence-driven targeted enforcement, and if an active public safety threat endangered a polling location, they may be arrested as a result of that targeted enforcement action."

[There Are Now 22,000 ICE Agents. The Supremacy Clause Says States Can Prosecute Every One Who Breaks the Law](#) (Christopher Armitage substack, August 2, 2026): A condition sitting in the first sentence of the Supremacy Clause decides whether states can prosecute federal agents. Courts have spent decades reading past it.

EMERGING POLICY AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS

Targeting Children

[More than 25,000 Children Lose Previous Legal Protections, as Federal Contract Ends](#) (NPR, August 1, 2026): An estimated 26,000 children who entered the U.S. without parents or guardians are expected to be left without independent legal representation as soon as Monday, according to lawyers who help represent them, as the government stopped paying the Office of Refugee Resettlement for their legal work.

[In Its Second Term, Trump Administration Quietly Expands Family Separation](#) (Muzaffar Chishti and Greg Garcia, Migration Policy Institute, July 30, 2026): The administration has curtailed reunification and legal aid services while repointing child-welfare efforts in ways that dovetail with its deportations agenda, blurring the line between child protection and immigration enforcement.

Detention and Deportation and Death

[‘Complete Discomfort, Little Space’: ICE Detainees in Mississippi Complain of Crowding as Arrests Skyrocket](#) (Mukta Joshi, Ohio Capital Journal, August 5, 2026): Amid a national surge in arrests by ICE, one of the largest ICE facilities in the country, the Adams County Correctional Center in Natchez, has become so crowded that people have been sleeping on makeshift beds on the floor, according to detainees there.

[U.S. Sends Flight with Deportees to Venezuela for First Time since Quakes](#) (New York Times, August 3, 2026): A plane with 147 Venezuelans landed on Monday in the South American country amid criticism over the deaths of deportees housed in a collapsed building during June’s quakes.

[ICE Detentions Set Trump-Era High in July, as Immigration Crackdown Widens](#) (CBS, August 2, 2026): Last month, ICE took into custody more than 46,000 individuals facing deportation because of alleged immigration violations, like entering the U.S. illegally or overstaying their visas, according to preliminary Department of Homeland Security figures.

[Family to Sue After Woman Released from ICE Custody Froze to Death](#) (Guardian, August 2, 2026): Daphy Michel, from Haiti, was dropped off in Pittsburgh in 20F temperatures wearing summer clothes.

[Johns Hopkins Researcher Released after Arrest by ICE at BWI amid Increased Airport Enforcement](#) (CBS, August 1, 2026): A public health researcher at Johns Hopkins University was arrested by immigration officers while boarding a domestic flight earlier this week.

[Man with Leukemia Dies after Weekslong Stay in Georgia Immigration Detention Center](#) (WABE, July 31, 2026): Priscillano Trejo, 29, was brought to the U.S. from Mexico when he was 3 years old.

Authoritarianism, Lawlessness, Racism, Stupidity, and Cruelty

[‘What They’re Doing Qualifies as Torture’: New Details of ICE Force-Feeding Revealed](#) (Guardian, August 5, 2026): Exclusive: cases of Afghan man, Ukrainian

man and Saudi woman show repeated nasogastric tube insertions and lack of legal representation.

['Stark Example of Brutality': Trump's ICE Used Court Orders in Plan to Force-Feed at Least 10 Hunger Strikers in Detention](#) (Guardian, August 3, 2026): Court records reviewed by the Guardian show medical procedures included force-feeding, intravenous forced hydration and involuntary blood draws.

Attacks on ALL Immigration

[Trump Tries New Tack against Birthright Citizenship after Supreme Court Snub](#) (Washington Post, August 6, 2026): New executive orders, targeting children born to foreign lobbyists and tourists, are certain to face legal challenges.

IMMIGRATION AND THE ECONOMY

[Trump's Deportation Agenda Raised Prices, Contracted Local Economies, Immigration Group Says](#) (CNBC, August 5, 2026): Trump's mass deportation campaign has led to higher food, housing and healthcare prices, while causing local economies to contract.

BY THE NUMBERS

[USCIS Filing Trends: New Data Shows Immigration Processing Falling Further Behind](#) (American Immigration Council, August 5, 2026): 11.3 million applications and petitions are awaiting action at USCIS.