

You Are Making a Difference!

UPDATE: Immigration reform legislation is currently moving through the United States Senate. It is time for us, again, to put the directives of our faith into action. We *can* make a difference, as noted recently in a speech by Edward Kennedy. The Senator credited input from the faith community as one of the deciding factors in the decision by the Judiciary Committee to approve the humane bill which now appears before the full Senate. Here's how to help:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The *Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006* (Committee Bill) was passed by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on March 27. Immigration reform debate is now in the hands of the full U.S. Senate. The debate is expected to last through early April.

Our Senators need to hear from us NOW. The task is to keep the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 intact.

These are things you can do today:

1. Contact Senator Ken Salazar and thank him for his support of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006. Let him know that you, too, are in favor of this bill and oppose any attempt to replace it with any enforcement-only proposals.
2. Contact Senator Wayne Allard to encourage his support of the bill, also. Ask him to oppose attempts to replace it with overly harsh and punitive provisions.

To contact your senators you can:

Make electronic contact at the CRS or the Justice for Immigrants website (see next column) or call, write or e-mail them as follows:

Senator Wayne Allard

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JOIN THE JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS CAMPAIGN!

To become familiar with the *Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006* and to find out more on immigration issues, go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org or www.crs.org (Catholic Relief Services).

IN ADDITION, PLEASE THANK THOSE MEMBERS IN THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE (below) WHO VOTED FOR PASSAGE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT OF 2006 (INCLUDING SEVERAL REPUBLICANS). You can call their offices in Washington D.C. or get email and physical address information at the Justice For Immigrant website, above (click on ACT NOW).

Senator Arlen Specter, Chairman/Pennsylvania, (202)224-4254

Senator Mike DeWine/Ohio, (202) 224-2315

Senator Lindsey Graham/S. Carolina (202) 224-5972

Senator Patrick J. Leahy, Ranking Democratic Member/Vermont (202) 224-4242

Senator Edward M. Kennedy/Massachusetts (202) 224-4543

Senator Sam Brownback/Kansas (202) 224-6521

Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr./Delaware (202) 224-5042

Senator Herbert Kohl/Wisconsin (202) 224-5653

Senator Dianne Feinstein/California (202) 224-3841

Senator Charles E. Schumer/New York (202) 224-6542

Senator Richard J. Durbin/Illinois (202) 224-2152

CALL NOW! THANK YOU!

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Catholic Bishops of the United States, Mexico and Central America