



Sowers of Justice
Catholic Legislative Network

**Action
Alert**

**Ask Senators Coleman &
Klobuchar to Improve and
Pass the Immigration Bill!**

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Background:

Our federal immigration system is broken and we now have the best opportunity in over 20 years to pass humane comprehensive immigration reform. Minnesota's Catholic Bishop's released a joint statement earlier this month calling for humane reform that is "humane, just, and workable". To read the letter, [click here](#)

The current bill in the Senate provides a path to citizenship for the 12 million undocumented immigrants, but also moves away from a family-based immigration system and does not provide a path to citizenship for most future guest workers. While we have many serious concerns with this bill, it would bring millions of hard working immigrants and their families out of the shadows of our communities.

If a comprehensive bill is not passed this summer, it may be another 2-5 years before there enough political will to take it up again. It is essential that our Senators know that people of faith are calling for justice for immigrants.

The senate will vote on two dozen amendments, in hopes of taking a final vote by the end of this week. Each amendment carries very real consequences in the lives of immigrants. Please take the time to call each Senator to advocate for family reunification, sensible enforcement laws and worker protections.

Recommended Action:

Call Your U.S. Senators Today!

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Ask them to support humane immigration reform and to vote responsibly on the following amendments (you can either explain them or just say the number):

- Vote **for** amendments to this bill that will strengthen our commitment as a nation to families
 - * Dodd S.A. 1199 – Makes it easier for parents to visit their children in the US.
 - * Menendez S.A. 1317 – Increases the number of points awarded for family in the point-system.
- Vote **against** amendments that links local law enforcement with border patrol.
 - * Coleman S.A. 1473 – Outlaws state and local policies that prevent police and health and safety workers from inquiring about immigration status.
- Vote **against** amendments that reduces the capacity of the undocumented to earn permanent visas
 - * Webb S.A. 1313 – Subjects immigrants who arrived in the last 4 years to a "roots test."
 - * Byrd S.A. 1344 – Increases the already expensive border security immigration fee by \$500 for adjustment of status.
 - * Hutchinson S.A. 1440 – Requires Z visa applicants to return to their country of origin before attaining Z visa status.

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