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{{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

With heavy hearts, we send out our thoughts to Renee Good's wife and children, along with her friends and loved ones. Renee was not the first person killed by ICE in recent months, and she will likely not be the last. While we grieve, we must also find the resolve to continue to show up for our most vulnerable neighbors.

How can a week feel like a year? Through the attack on Venezuela, growing global tensions with a crumbling NATO, the horrific murder of Renee Nicole Good by an ICE agent, and the increasingly violent actions by ICE nationwide, it is far too easy to feel exhausted, overwhelmed, and isolated. When we refuse to isolate, and we come together as a community, we are reminded that we vastly outnumber those who support this regime. Together we will keep fighting for the future in which we believe.

On the subject of coming together, we have a wonderful event coming up on Martin Luther King Jr. Day that we hope everyone will attend. At Yorkship Square in Camden, beginning with a ceremony announcing a new MLK statue to be commissioned and placed in Farnham Park, a park cleanup will take place from 10:00am to noon. Mayor Carstarphen and Representative Donald Norcross will be speaking, and we have word that they will be joined by a very important new elected official (follow our social media pages for an update soon). [Sign up here.](#)

And on the subject of continuing to fight for what we believe, check out the update below from our Immigration Committee! EVERYONE needs to be calling and texting Governor Murphy to make sure he signs the three immigrant protection bills!

In the words of The Grateful Dead's Bob Weir

**"Winter gray and falling rain, We'll see summer come again"**

(Rest in Peace, Bob. Say hi to Jerry for us).

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## Immigration goes to Trenton



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For the past several weeks, the CRI Immigration Committee's lobbying team has been hard at work in Trenton, pushing our state legislators to pass the Immigrant Protection Act, which will assure that everyone residing in New Jersey is able to seek protection and support from state and local agencies without fear of deportation.

Last week, several members gave powerful testimonies on the General Assembly floor about the impact that ICE abductions have on families and communities. Additional members showed up to bear witness along with hundreds of volunteers from across the state to ensure that New Jersey is clearly established as a safe, welcoming state for all. On Thursday, all three IPA bills were passed in committee and moved to a full Assembly and Senate vote yesterday.

\*\*\*UPDATE from activists in Trenton: We are so close! Now it is on Governor Murphy, and we need him to sign all three bills, AS IS, immediately. This is one of those "who are we going to be?" moments for New Jersey. Governor Murphy has said it best: "We're from New Jersey, baby. And you are not." Let's bring that energy back to his doorstep today. Let's be bold, rooted in doing what's right. New Jersey protecting immigrant families and limiting the harm ICE is inflicting in our communities.

**Call and text Governor Murphy: call: 609-292-6000, text: 732-605-5455.**

Copy/paste this message:

"Please support and sign the immigrant protection bill package: S5036/A6308, S5037/A6309, S5038/A6310. NJ must protect immigrant families and limit ICE entanglement NOW."

Then do one more thing: share this with your friends, your family group chat, your neighbors, your coworkers, everybody. We need the Governor's office hearing one message all day long: Sign the package, as-is and NOW.

Let's make New Jersey's voice impossible to ignore.\*\*\*

With all the darkness around us right now, we can celebrate the rich diversity of The Garden State, reinforcing our resolve to continue to stand against the injustice being unleashed against our immigrant neighbors in our own towns, and across the nation.

The next Immigration Committee meeting is January 20th, 6:30pm, at the Haddonfield United Methodist Church. Get involved in the fight to protect our neighbors. [Sign up here!](#)

1. Immigration Chair, Gretchen Siebert with Speaker Coughlin and *Stitches for Solidarity Embracelets*.
2. Gretchen and Co-Chair Michele Messer meeting State Senator Raj Mukherji, One of the primary sponsors of the original NJITA
3. Deb Landry, CRI Immigration Member, testifying about the impact of the whole left in communities from the damage of ICE.
4. State Assemblywomen wearing their Embracelets

## Join Us



01/14

### Cross Keys Crusade for Democracy

Peaceful, non-confrontational rally intended to raise public awareness of the destructive nature of the Trump administration!

[Crusade at Cross Keys](#)



01/15

### Spanish Conversation Club

Whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or fluent speaker, this club is all about building confidence, improving fluency, and connecting with others who share a love for the language.

[Words Build Bridges](#)



01/16

### Ark Road Resistance

We are the Ark Road Resistance Group! Come join us to protest any horrific action the current regime is inflicting on the American people.

[This Road Resists](#)



01/17

### Citizens vs. Citizens Bank Protest Stop Funding ICE Detention Centers

We are protesting Citizens Bank because they are a major lender to Geo Group and Core Civic, both of whom run private prisons and detention facilities like Delany Hall in Newark. Please come out!

[Citizens over Banks!](#)



01/17

### PineHillAdelphia

We cannot allow this regime to get to the point of forcing us underground. Any Saturday you're free, come on out and be seen! Give other's the courage to stand up and fight!

[Join Us Saturday!](#)



01/18

### Roadside Rally Against Fascism

Another weekly protest, now on Sundays: CRI members gather in Bellmawr to make the public case against MAGA fascism. Their crowd keeps growing and newcomers are always welcome.

[Roadside Rally](#)



01/18

### Mi Casa Woodbury Solidarity Sunday

This weekend, many came out in full force to support Mi Casa and CRI's protest ICE Out For Good. Let's continue to use that momentum to tell them we will not back down. We will continue to stand up for the rights of everyone.

[Support Immigrants and Protest ICE](#)



01/19

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Event - New statue announcement, speakers and park cleanup

Join us on Martin Luther King Jr. Day for a community gathering of friends and neighbors. Mayor Carstarphen and Rep. Donald Norcross will be speaking, as they unveil what a newly commissioned MLK statue. We also have word that they are likely to be joined by a very important newly elected official. Follow our social media pages for an update tomorrow!

[MLK Day of Service Event](#)

## Can't come out but still want to help?

We need your efforts now more than ever!

You can start right now! Joining our call team is an easy way to jump in. Contacting our representatives is a great way to participate in CRI, and we even provide scripts and phone numbers to make the process as easy as possible!

[Find out more about our Legislative Call Team here.](#)

### INTERACT ONLINE!

**Like, Share, and Comment on CRI Facebook and Instagram posts!**

Every interaction helps boost our visibility and get our message in front of more people.

It's one of the easiest ways to support the work we're doing. The more you like, share, and comment, the more our voices reach beyond our circle and into the community.



### Donations Help!

We are all volunteers and we run CRI on a shoestring budget, but we could use a couple bucks to make copies, buy snacks, and pay for meeting space.

If you can make a recurring contribution or a one-time contribution, it helps make what we do possible.

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