

Immigration 101 Suggestions for action responses.

- 1.) The stories from NE immigrants are moving.

Please view at your convenience.

We Are Home NE website: <http://bit.ly/WeAreHome-NE>

- 2.) Contact Congress to Pass Positive Immigration Laws NOW

Take Action: It's time for full inclusion!

Congress has not meaningfully updated our immigration laws in more than 35 years, causing unnecessary harm to local families and communities.

This year, Congress has important opportunities to create a way for longtime community members to apply for residency and citizenship.

Your voice matters! A brief message makes a big difference and taking action is easy:

1. Visit www.bit.ly/WeAreHome-NE
2. Email or call your members of Congress, there is even a template to get you started and a call script on this sheet!

(402) 749-8333

It's easy and ok to call in the evening and leave a message.

Call (402) 749-8333, follow the instructions to enter your zip code, and you will be connected to your 2 U.S. Senators and 1 House Representative. Here is a sample script that you can make your own:

My name is *[YOUR NAME]*. I live in *[YOUR TOWN]*. I'm calling to urge my member of Congress to please support positive immigration laws that create a way for longtime Nebraskans to apply for residency and citizenship.

I support these positive immigration laws because they would...

[Choose 1-2 points that are important to you]

- Create stability for Nebraska communities
- Keep families together
- Support those who have sacrificed so much for local communities during COVID and are essential to our nation's recovery
- *[Share a sentence about your personal story or reason for supporting]*

Thank you for supporting full inclusion of longtime community members!



Afghan Refugee Information and Action Response

MOULTON, BACON INTRODUCE WELCOMED ACT SO AFGHAN EVACUEES RECEIVE REFUGEE BENEFITS

WASHINGTON — The Afghan refugees evacuated and resettled in the United States are facing a new challenge: they're not eligible for the government benefits America traditionally provides refugees because of the rushed evacuation. Today, **Representatives Seth Moulton (D-MA) and Don Bacon (R-NE)** introduced *the Welcoming Evacuees Coming from Overseas to Mitigate Effects of Displacement Act of 2021*, also known as the *WELCOMED Act*, to fix the problem. If passed by Congress and signed into law by the president, the bill will provide Afghan refugees with the same benefits other refugees have traditionally received.

Many of the Afghans recently evacuated to the United States came on humanitarian parole or through other expedited processes. The processes were necessary in order to move Afghans quickly out of harm's way. But, it means that Afghans are not eligible for the reception and placement services that would equip them with the basic money and resources to resettle themselves and their families into the United States. This bill changes the wording of America's refugee policies so that rescued Afghans are eligible for the basic services and resources that would be afforded to any other refugee.

"Evacuating more than 100,000 of our Afghan allies is an achievement but it's only the first of many steps we need to take to make good on the promises we made when we told our friends that we'd protect them from the Taliban," said Rep. Moulton. "For Congressman Bacon and me, that work starts today. I want these heroes as a neighbor, and I want to make sure they have the chance to live out the American Dream. This bill will help them take the first steps of their new lives."

"Our Afghan allies and those who were at risk and were able to get here will need help to resettle here, after fleeing for their lives and leaving everything behind in Afghanistan," said Rep. Bacon. "This legislation is the first step in helping those who have been vetted to start their new lives without worry of being hunted down by the Taliban or ISIS."

**Please call Congressman Bacon
and thank him for co-sponsoring the WELCOMED ACT.**

Washington DC Office: (202) 225-4155

Nebraska Office: (402) 938-0300

St. Pius X Afghan Refugee Sponsorship

Interest Sign Up

When St. Pius X is notified of an Afghan family for our parish sponsorship, please contact me/us. I/we want to assist.

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