

Sanctuary Ministry Action Alert #284 – TIME SENSITIVE

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What: Take Action on the Budget Reconciliation Bill. It is a critical vote and we encourage everyone to **call your Senators to vote NO on this bill!**

Take action today! The Senate is set to take up a vote this week on the budget reconciliation bill, bringing us closer to a final bill that will give this administration more than \$100 billion to target, detain and deport members of our community while cutting funding for programs and services that support everyone's needs, like healthcare and food assistance. **This includes \$45 billion specifically to expand immigration detention.**

ICE is already anticipating the billions of dollars they could get through this process as it is detaining a record-breaking 56,000 people and actively seeking contracts for new detention centers across the country.

Once the Senate vote takes place, the bill will go back to the House to reconcile the difference between the bills passed by each chamber. This means the House could take up the bill next week for a final vote so keep an eye out for additional calls to action.

In Solidarity,

DWN Team

Detention Watch Network: <https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/>

Please pray for our neighbors who are facing harsh decision making and treatment and for those who walk with them in their journey. We thank all our friends and partners who continually provide updates, opportunities and hope for our beloved community.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares"

Our advocacy efforts follow the resolutions of the Episcopal Church General Convention and of our own Episcopal Diocese of Washington Diocesan Convention. We are members of the Episcopal Migration Response Network of the Episcopal Migration Ministries.

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