

Refugee Advocacy Week of Action

March 17 – 21, 2025



Why a Week of Action?

- Members of Congress return home March 17-21
- Usually available for in-person meetings
- Some may hold public events including town halls



Top Three Ways to Take Action

Set up a meeting with your 2 U.S. Senators & 1 U.S. Representative

Find and attend local events hosted by your member of Congress

Host local days of action, vigils, & press conferences





Meeting with members of Congress

[Contact your Senators](#)

[Contact your Representative](#)



Messaging Guidance

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This is an unprecedented assault on our ability to welcome refugees & to meet the moral and contractual obligations.

We cannot be silent!

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No refugees are being processed, no refugees are arriving, & the State Department terminated its agreements with the resettlement agencies & nonprofits.

3

Recently resettled refugees across the country have finally found a safe place to call home & are at risk of extreme economic insecurity and homelessness.

[Click here to read the full messaging guidance](#)



Policy Asks for Elected Leaders

- Urge the Trump administration to abide by recent court orders and immediately resume refugee processing and admissions.
- Publicly express your support for refugees and the bipartisan U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) and the Office of the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts (CARE) – in public statements, at press conferences, floor speeches, hearings & briefings, via oversight letters, & through legislative vehicles or resolutions.
- Stand up for refugees & newcomers in upcoming congressional funding and legislative deliberations.
- Support funding for key spending accounts & include safeguards around the Trump administration's use of this funding through clear authorizing and appropriations language dictating how that funding should be used to best serve refugees, newcomers, and the communities that welcome them.

[Click here to read the full policy asks](#)



Extra tips

- Find a congress member's public events during the recess by visiting their website (check press releases or events sections), by monitoring social media accounts of your elected official, and by signing up for mailing lists. You can also reach out to your representatives' district offices directly, encouraging the member to hold a town hall or public meeting
- The congressional recess is a great time to organize your own faith vigil, public witness event, or press conference. It can help generate attention to your community's support for refugees and remind them about the importance of reaching out to your U.S. Representative and Senators.



Questions?

- Reach out to Jen Reeves: jen.reeves@refugeecongress.org

Resources

- [RCUSA's Week of Action Guide](#)
- [Advocacy 101](#)
- [RCUSA's Community Guidance](#)