

WHAT CAN YOU DO

1. Call your elected representatives. As Congressman Ted Lieu of California wrote on Twitter, [how we treat children is not a partisan issue](#). You can reach out to your elected representatives and let them know how important this issue is to you.

The congressional switchboard is (202) 224-3121, or check out these [3 political apps that make it easy to contact your reps](#).

2. Gain a better understanding of the law at [the Informed Immigrant website](#) and see a [list of legal support services](#) who could use your help.

3. Support the ActBlue Charities initiative to [Support Kids at the Border](#). Funds raised will be split among multiple charities.

4. Support charities and organizations dedicated to helping children, including:

(Note, I'll continue to update this with excellent orgs as I find them)

– [The Young Center for Immigrant and Children's Rights](#) focuses on the rights, safety, and best interests of unaccompanied immigrant children.

– [United We Dream](#) is the first and largest immigrant youth-led organization in the country.

– [KIND: Kids in Need of Defense](#) is effective in supporting children's protection and upholding their right to due process and fundamental fairness.

– [The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project](#) supports detailed adults and unaccompanied children who have been detained in Arizona, often illegally.

– [Asylum Advocacy](#) works to prevent the deportation of refugees fleeing violence and war, who have come here seeking legal asylum, provides emergency legal services, and a lot more.

–[Lutheran Immigration Services](#) has been helping resettle refugees and reunite families since 1939.

-The [UN Refugees Agency](#) isn't specific to US refugee and immigrant issues, but they support victims fleeing from conflict in myriad ways. (h/t [Amanda Litman](#) on Twitter who continues to share a crowdsourced list of organizations that are helping.)

–The [National Immigrant Justice Association](#) of the Heartland Alliance ensures human rights protections and access to justice, including legal services, for all immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

5. [Donate to the ACLU](#) which is actively fighting these injustices in court. You can also [sign their petition to Kevin McAleenan](#), Commissioner of Customs and US Border Protection to demand a stop to the physical, sexual, and verbal abuse of immigrant children.

(Just note I personally am not a big fan of petitions as I question their effectiveness, but I am a fan of supporting the ACLU in any way they need.)

6. Vote. Vote vote vote vote vote. Vote for candidates in November who will take a stand for human decency in every possible way, and especially around this issue.

7. Write about it. Use your social platforms. Use your website (that's what I'm doing, right here). Every voice amplifying this makes a difference.

8. Attend or host a rally on June 14. [Wherearethechildren.org](#) is starting to coordinate local marches for stolen children — if you don't feel comfortable leaving an address on the form, which is light with details, just keep your eye out for developments on