



Advocacy Update

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Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Last week the state of Arizona adopted harsh immigration legislation, the Immigration; Law Enforcement; Safe Neighborhoods Act (SB 1070). In the Reform Movement's press statement on the bill, Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, stated, "This inhumane and retrogressive bill virtually invites racial and ethnic profiling by broadly defining reasonable suspicion of undocumented status as grounds for questioning by police officers. Allowing an individual's accent or skin color to precipitate an investigation into his or her legal status is an anathema to American values of justice and our historic status as a nation of immigrants."

This legislation reveals why federal comprehensive immigration reform legislation that will include a route to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented residents is urgently needed. Go to [Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform ASAP](#), on the Religious Action Center website, for background on the issue, its current status in Congress, and the opportunity to let your members of Congress know that you support comprehensive immigration reform.

Global Hunger – Women and Children: What You Can Do

WRJ and the URJ have been addressing increasing attention to food issues, however, alleviating global hunger with particular attention to that of women and children, has been addressed in WRJ resolutions and activism for more than sixty years.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), adopted by the 2000 UN Millennium Summit, include: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; achieve universal primary education; and promote gender equality and empower women. This is part of an increasing awareness that empowering women and girls is one of the most successful means of combating global poverty and hunger.

Women produce much of the world's food. Increasingly, foreign aid is directed to women, which has been shown to be effective in increasing the women farmers' standard of living, enhancing their children's and families' lives, and strengthening the economy of their communities. The Global Food Security Act (GFSA, S. 384) addresses the needs of small-scale farmers and would provide the resources women need to grow food for their families and enhance their economies.