Take Action

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Hmong National Development, Inc (HND) is collecting Hmong immigration storiesJoin the fight for comprehensive immigration reform. By allowing Hmong National Development to share your story, you will be educating lawmakers and informing the public of the immigration system’s impact on our community. Your courage will ensure that other Hmong Americans know they are not alone in their struggles. There will be no repercussions for sharing your story. However, please indicate if you would like to be kept anonymous, use a pseudonym, or would not mind HND using your name. Stories in Hmong or English are both welcome. Please send stories to (1) arlee.vang@gmail.com; (2) mailing your story to Hmong National Development, 1628 16th ST NW, Washington, D.C. 20009; (4) or calling 202-797-9105/ 9106 and reciting your story.
- The outcome of real health care reform lies in the balance. Within the next weeks Congress will decide what provisions to include and how to pay for health care reform through a combination of revenues and savings. Some in Congress, hearing opposition to responsible tax proposals, are considering scaling back benefits or coverage.

This is a critical moment. We lost health reform in the past because insurance companies and other special interests were heard and too many Americans were silent.

Let your organization's voice be heard. Please sign a statement to let Congress and the Administration know you understand that making health care accessible and affordable to all depends on adequate revenues collected fairly. Sign at: http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/125/petition.jsp?petition_KEY=1967. For a list of organizations that have signed so far click here: http://chn.org/pdf/2009/RRANtaxstatementnatl&local.pdf.

Deadline extended for organizations to sign to Thursday, July 2.
- While DREAM Act has been introduced, our work is just beginning. We must make sure our elected officials make DREAM Act a priority and cosponsor the bill. If your Representatives and Senators are currently not cosponsors, call them today and them to co-sponsor DREAM Act. Click here to see the current sponsors in the House and Senate. To find out who your Representatives and Senators are, check out www.congress.org or call the switchboard operator at 202-224-3121.
- Congress could vote as early as tomorrow, April 28, on a progressive budget that would make investments critical to women and their families and to our nation's long-term economic growth.Call your Representative and Senators now at 1-888-245-0215 or 202-224-3121 and deliver a simple message: Please vote for the budget resolution so we can move forward on urgent and growing needs, pass health care reform this year, and promote tax fairness.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is seeking public comment on a set of proposed criteria to determine which vaccines recommended by the CDC should be mandatory for immigrants seeking admission into the U.S. or seeking to become permanent residents. Although the new rule does not specifically address the HPV vaccine, it will impact whether or not it will continue to be mandated. Once the proposed rule becomes final, all existing vaccination mandates on immigrants will be reassessed against the criteria. If a vaccine does not meet the criteria, it will not be mandated for immigrants. Take Action! Tell the CDC You Support the Proposed Rule. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to DGMQpubliccomments@cdc.gov
- Call your senators today at 202-224-3121 and ask them to support the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act (S. 61) with the bankruptcy amendment to help curb foreclosures and stabilize our economy. As early as this Thursday, April 30, the Senate will likely vote on the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act (S. 61). This bill includes an amendment that would provide families who are facing impending foreclosure with a final option to keep their home, even if their lender refuses to modify their home loans, at no cost to taxpayers.