

Senate Fails to Vote on Immigration Bill

On June 28, 2007, the U.S. Senate failed to close debate on S. 1639, the Immigration Reform Act of 2007, thus defeating a move forward to a final vote on the bill. The Sisters of Mercy are very disappointed that the Senate could not unite in determination to reform the immigration system, and create a system that is just and humane. We will continue to dialogue with legislators for systemic immigration reform that will provide a path to citizenship, preserve family unity, respect the dignity of each person, guarantee the rights of workers, and preserve the right to safe and decent living conditions for all.

The Sisters of Mercy continue to work for an immigration system which will look at the root causes of migration, which lie in environmental, economic and social inequities, and in the proliferation of violence. Our belief in Catholic Social Teaching and our concern for immigrants seeking fullness of life encourage us to collaborate with other people of faith to continue our advocacy.