



# 2020 ACTION PLAN

*It's a tough year ahead—but your activism and support keeps us strong! Together, you and LAWG will:*

## **Protect the Rights of Migrants & Refugees**

- Defend the right to asylum & oppose actions to close to door to asylum seekers.
- Advance permanent protections for Dreamers & Temporary Protected Status (TPS) members of our communities.
- Expose the harmful impacts of extending the U.S. border south to Mexico & Central America on refugees seeking protection.
- Oppose indefinite detention for families, family separations, & other cruel violations of migrants' and immigrants' rights.
- Educate policymakers, teachers, immigration lawyers, journalists, & the public on the drivers of & rights-based solutions to forced migration from Central America, building towards a new U.S. policy towards the region.

## **Promote Peace, Encourage Dialogue**

- Organize & educate members of Congress to support, fund, & press the Colombian government to fully implement, not undermine, the historic peace accords to end a war that has cost 260,000 lives & displaced 8 million people.
- Advance legislation to definitively end the travel ban on Cuba & empower activists to work to lift the embargo on the island.



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### Support Communities' Economic, Land, & Environmental Rights

- Organize with environmental activists strong congressional support for protection for Latin America's endangered environmental leaders, often indigenous or Afro-descendants—through bills, letters, & social media.
- Raise awareness about the dire situation facing environmental defenders, in Brazil, Central America, Colombia, & elsewhere, organizing statements, actions, & social media campaigns.

### Uphold Justice, Defend the Defenders

- Mobilize activists and members of Congress to protect Brazilian activists put at risk by their president's harsh words & deeds—including Afro-descendant, LGBTQ+, environmental, & indigenous activists.
- Expose the closing of space for human rights defenders in Guatemala and Honduras, coordinating support to protect them & take a stance for defenders and against corruption.
- In Mexico, stand by the families of the disappeared as they seek justice for their loved ones & amplify the call to investigate and prosecute threats & attacks against human rights defenders.
- Partner with Colombian human rights defenders & social leaders—among the most threatened defenders in the world—to end the killing of these valiant leaders.

***Action at Home for Just Policies Abroad***

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