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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Compilation of 55+ Org Statements Against Asylum Ban

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Good morning Mr. Klapper,

I'm sharing a compilation of statements from organizations that have spoken out against the recently proposed asylum ban. The organizations (including the Indivisibles, US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Foreign Policy 4 America, and many others) are unanimous in their call for the Biden administration to reverse course.

The #WelcomeWithDignity campaign's experts are ready to work with the administration and Congress to implement humane and practical recommendations to the challenges we face at the border. We have compiled the best resources here: [WelcomeWithDignity.org/solutions](https://www.welcomewithdignity.org/solutions).

COMPILATION OF MORE THAN 55 ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENTS OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ASYLUM BAN RULE.

The below immigrant and refugee rights groups, human and civil rights organizations, and faith-based organizations expressed unanimous opposition to the Biden administration's introduction of an asylum ban.

[#WelcomeWithDignity: Biden's Asylum Ban Will Return Refugees to Danger and Death](#) (includes contributions from 30 organizations)

[ACLU Condemns Biden Administration's Decision to Move Forward with Trump-era Asylum Ban | American Civil Liberties Union](#)

[The Advocates for Human Rights Condemns Proposed Asylum Ban, which Violates Law, Risks Harm to Countless Lives](#)

[African Communities Together Condemns Proposed Asylum Rule; Calls on Biden to Stand With All Asylum Seekers](#)

[African Human Rights Coalition Statement: Biden Ban Deathly for Africa's LGBTQI+ Asylum Seekers](#)

[AILA Condemns Biden Administration's Push to Use "Transit Ban" Against Vulnerable Asylum Seekers](#)

[America's Voice Reacts to Biden's Asylum Ban](#)

[American Immigration Council Statement](#)

[Americans for Immigrant Justice Responds to President Biden's Proposed Asylum Ban, Calls on Government to Protect Asylum](#)

[Amnesty International USA condemns the Biden Administration's Asylum Ban](#)

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice Condemns Attacks on Asylum and Refugees as Biden Doubles Down on Trump-Era Harmful Asylum Policy](#)

[Bethany Christian Services Urges Administration to Reconsider Asylum Proposal](#)

[Bridges Faith Initiative Decries Biden's Proposed Asylum Ban](#)

[Capital Area Immigrants' Rights \(CAIR\) Coalition Condemns the Biden Administration's Proposed Asylum Ban](#)

[CARECEN-LA Assault on Asylum Continues, Biden Administration Replicates Trump Era Ban Further Endangering the Lives of Asylum Seekers](#)

[CARECEN SF Urges Retraction of New Asylum Ban by the Biden Administration](#)

[CGRS: Biden Asylum Ban Will Endanger Refugees](#)

[CHIRLA Statement on Asylum Ban](#)

[Church World Service: Resurrection of Trump-Era Ban is a Broken Promise to Asylum Seekers](#)

[CLINIC: Proposed Ban on Asylum Violates U.S. Law and Catholic Social Teaching](#)

[The Coalition on Human Needs Opposes President Biden's Proposed Asylum Ban](#)

[Florence Project and Kino Border Initiative Condemn Most Recent Asylum Ban](#)

[FP4A CONDEMNS NEW BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION REFUGEE TRANSIT BAN](#)

[HIAS - Biden Administration's Proposed Asylum Ban is Harmful and Inhumane](#)

[Human Rights First: Biden's Asylum Ban Would Return U.S. to Trump-Style Policy](#)

[IIC: As Biden Moves Forward with Asylum Ban, Faith Groups and Advocates Gathered to Demand Restored Access to Asylum \(includes contributions from 20 additional organizations\)](#)

[The Immigration Hub - Immigration Hub Condemns the Biden Administration's Decision to Formally Propose Trump-Era Asylum Ban](#)

[Indivisible on Biden's Announced Asylum Ban Rule](#)

[IRC Statement: Proposed Asylum Ban Would Bar Thousands of People Seeking Protection from U.S. Asylum and Threatens to Undermine Regional Protection Systems](#)

[JAC: Biden's Asylum Ban Revives the Worst of Anti-Immigrant Policies; Should Not Be Implemented](#)

[Justice for Migrant Women: Biden Administration Acts Out Of Fear, Not Reality, And Fails To Acknowledge The Humanity Of Survivors Of Gender-Based Violence](#)

[Kids in Need of Defense Deplores Biden Administration Proposed Rule on Asylum](#)

[L4GG: Biden's Proposed "Asylum Ban" Will Turn Asylum into a Lottery, Where the Stakes are Human Lives](#)

[Las Americas IAC: Biden Administration Resurrects Trump Administration Transit Ban](#)

[Latin America Working Group Condemns Biden Administration's Ruling Limiting Asylum](#)

[LIRS - Transit Ban 2.0: New Biden Rule Would Limit Asylum Eligibility](#)

[Make the Road NY - Immigrant NYers Condemn Biden Admin Proposed New Ban on Asylum](#)

[MomsRising: A Deeply Misguided Asylum Policy That Will Put Vulnerable Moms, Children and Families at Risk](#)

[NAKASEC Condemns Biden's Proposed Biden Transit Ban as Cruel and Inhumane](#)

[National Partnership for New Americans Statement on President Biden's Transit Ban](#)

[NETWORK Lobby Urges President to Revoke Proposed Rule](#)

[The New Mexico Immigrant Law Center Strongly Rejects the Biden Administration's Proposed Rules to Limit Asylum Protection](#)

[NIJC Condemns Biden Administration's New Asylum Ban at the U.S.-Mexico Border](#)

[NYIC: Biden's Asylum Transit Ban Fails Humanitarian Duty, Immigrant Advocates Denounce Plan](#)

[Oxfam Reaction to New Asylum Ban](#)

[Refugees International: With New Asylum Ban, Biden Administration Drastically Limits Asylum at U.S. Border](#)

[Refugee Congress: Biden's proposal to move forward with asylum ban is a step backwards on his promises](#)

[San Diego Rapid Response Network Re: Biden Asylum Restrictions](#)

[SEIU's Sáenz: We urge Biden Administration to Reconsider New Restrictions on Asylum](#)

["Shameful Assault on Refugees": IRAP Condemns Proposed Asylum Ban, Biden's Embrace of Trump-Era Immigration Policies](#)

[Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Justice Team: On Need for Asylum System and U.S. Responsibility for Helping Create Conditions Driving Migration](#)

[SPLC Statement on Biden Administration's Proposed Asylum Ban](#)

[Tahirih Justice Center - Biden's Asylum Ban Will Continue to Place Survivors in Harm's Way](#)

[U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Denounces Proposed Asylum Rule](#)

[USCRI Condemns the Biden Administration's Proposed Rule to Package Pushback Policies as "Lawful Migration"](#)

[Women's Refugee Commission Decries Biden Asylum Ban](#)

As I mentioned above, we are ready to work with the administration and Congress to implement humane and practical recommendations to the challenges we face at the border without compromising the human and legal right to seek safety. We have compiled our partners' best resources and policy documents here: [WelcomeWithDignity.org/solutions](https://www.welcomewithdignity.org/solutions).

Respectfully,

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Also sharing below some Member of Congress statements:

- [@SenatorMenendez: 1/ Last month, when the Biden Admin announced it would be issuing a proposed rule, which would function as a 'transit ban' on asylum seekers who don't first apply for asylum in a transit country, @SenBooker, @SenatorLujan, @SenAlexPadilla & I urged the Admin to abandon this idea.](#) (thread; 2/21/23)
 - [Statement](#) from Senators Menendez, Booker, Luján, and Padilla (2/21/23)
- [@RepJayapal: As Ranking Member of the Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement Subcommittee and as an immigrant, I am deeply disappointed in the administration's proposal to limit access to asylum. Read my full statement with @RepJerryNadler](#) (2/21/23)
 - [Statement](#) from Rep. Jayapal and Rep. Nadler (2/21/23)
- [@HispanicCaucus: Today, CHC Chair @RepBarragan issued a statement on the DHS and DOJ Notice of Proposed Rule on Immigration and Asylum Eligibility. More details:](#) (2/21/23)
 - [Statement](#) from CHC Chair Chair Nanette Barragán (2/21/23)
- [@Ilhan: The new border policy flies in the face of international and U.S. law and basic morality. It will put the lives of countless asylum-seekers at risk.](#) (2/22/23)
- [@RepEspailat: I am disappointed by this proposed new rule limiting the right to seek asylum in the U.S. Reminder: the LEGAL right to seek asylum is not contingent on the way one comes to the U.S. As a nation of immigrants, we must always fight to uphold inclusive American values.](#) (2/21/23)
- [@RepPressley: Turning away vulnerable migrants fleeing violence flies in the face of what we should stand for as a nation. Asylum is a fundamental human right. I strongly urge @POTUS to abandon this harmful policy. #NoAsylumBan](#) (2/21/23)
- [@RepChuyGarcia: Today's announcement by the Biden admin is a re-implementation of the Trump-era policy that will ban people from requesting asylum, worsen conditions at the border and return vulnerable people back to danger. @POTUS must abandon this misguided policy now. #NoAsylumBan.](#) (2/21/23)
- [@RepLindaSanchez: I am deeply disappointed by this decision. Denying asylum to those fleeing violence and instability goes against everything we stand for as a nation of immigrants. We can have safe, secure borders AND humane immigration laws. I urge the Administration to reconsider.](#) (2/22/23)
- [@SenMarkey: Today I wrote to @CBP demanding it stop using the privacy-violating and discriminatory CBP One app, which the Biden administration's new proposed asylum rule would continue. We have to put an end to this.](#) (2/21/23)

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