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Human rights advocates condemn Biden administration attack on asylum seekers

Statement of Justice in Motion Founder and Executive Director Cathleen Caron

WASHINGTON — Yesterday, President Joe Biden issued a <u>proclamation</u> and a <u>federal rule</u> that essentially denies anyone without a CBP One appointment the opportunity to present their case for asylum while also creating a higher standard for most asylum seekers to navigate the process. These changes go into effect today. Justice in Motion Founder and Executive Director Cathleen Caron issued the following statement in opposition to the order:

"As an organization committed to upholding the human rights and dignity of migrants, Justice in Motion denounces the president's order to limit the way that people get to present asylum requests as a direct affront to the values of compassion and inclusivity that define us as a nation. Such a restrictive quota callously disregards the plight of individuals and families, condemning them to further suffering and imperiling their lives. Moreover, this policy fails to account for the complexities and nuances of the crisis migrants face, where circumstances can change rapidly and the need for protection is urgent and immediate.

"We call on the administration to revoke this unjust and inhumane policy and instead work toward comprehensive and compassionate immigration and migration policies that uphold the American principles of justice and fairness. Our nation has a moral obligation to provide refuge to those in need, and we must not shirk this responsibility."

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<u>Justice in Motion</u> protects migrant rights by ensuring justice across borders. Our unique network of on-the-ground human rights defenders in Mexico and Central America partner with U.S. advocates to make sure that wherever migrants go, their rights will follow.